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LELAND AND GRAY  
SEMINARY



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## PREFACE

This History is an outgrowth of five historical articles, treating in a general way of the founding and growth of Leland and Gray Seminary, which appeared in the Brattleboro, Vt., papers between March and July, 1925.

After the publication of those articles The Board of Trustees of the Seminary desired that the same be preserved in a more permanent form, and the writer was asked to re-edit the same as he saw fit for publication. Upon going over the matter it seemed best that such a permanent record should deal more fully with the history of the school than those articles did. Those sketches were written, as their fore-word stated, primarily to arouse new interest in the school, and the information there given was consequently of a general nature with statistics for the most part eliminated. Such data, however, the author thought, should be included in any permanent record.

Therefore in this booklet the attempt has been made to bring the Historical Sketch, *LELAND AND GRAY SEMINARY* by Mr. Milon Davidson (1888), up to date in every particular. To preserve the unity of the history, however, the specific quotations from Mr. Davidson, except in exceptional instances, are not indicated. To it have also been added other records not hitherto compiled. Some items, trivial in themselves, have likewise been included because, while not of great importance, they are nevertheless of interest, and there seems to be no other means of preserving them. The result constitutes, the author hopes, if a by no means perfect, at least a commendable record of the first ninety years of the life of Leland and Gray.

The sources have been mainly: (1) the Secretary's book of the Trustees, complete since the founding of the school. (2) The Treasurer's book of the Trustees, complete since 1890. (3) The bound volume of the school catalogues, fairly complete since 1835 except for the decade 1880-1890. (4) Odd volumes extant of the Teachers' Reports. (5) Odd numbers of the Leland and Gray Seminary Advocate, a paper published during the principalship

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of C. C. Boynton. (6) Complete files of The L. G. S. Messenger, the present school paper. (7) Townshend Town Records. (8) The Historical Sketch of Mr. Davidson. (9) A few personal statements of people now living. (10) Brattleboro newspaper files. (11) Townshend Church Records. It is practically impossible to avoid errors in a work of this kind and anyone noting the same here are requested to bring them to the attention of the school officials.

The author wishes to acknowledge his obligation to all who have in any way contributed to the compilation of this history, and particularly to President Guy W. Powers, of the Board of Trustees, who has given largely of his time and ability.

As the fore-word of the original articles stated, if this work shall be to any degree successful in arousing new interest in and for an institution that has survived ninety-two years of storm and stress, and now faces steadfastly the future, willing to render increasing service to the coming generation in return for understanding and cooperation, then it shall have fully justified the reason that gave it birth.

HOWARD CUTLER

Townshend, Vermont  
July, 1927.

President Leland and Gray  
Seminary Alumni Association

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PART I

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GENERAL HISTORICAL SKETCH

*of*

LELAND AND GRAY SEMINARY

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LT.-GOV. AARON LELAND, D. D.  
May 28, 1761-August 25, 1832



DEACON SAMUEL GRAY  
November, 1795-August 13, 1870

PART I.

GENERAL HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF

LELAND AND GRAY SEMINARY

I.

THE FOUNDING

Leland and Gray Seminary at Townshend, Vermont is the oldest institution for secondary education now existing in Windham County and one of the earliest schools of its kind to be founded in the state.

It was in the year 1833 when Andrew Jackson was yet President of the United States, when men were still alive who had fought in the Revolution, when the Mexican War was yet fourteen years away, and Vermont had been but forty years a state that the agitation for the establishment of the Seminary was first begun.

In common with most schools of that early time Leland and Gray Seminary was launched upon its career under auspices distinctly religious. To the Woodstock (Vt.), Baptist Association, and particularly to the efforts of the Reverend Joseph Freeman D. D. of Cavendish, Vt. and of Major Ezekiel Ransom of Townshend she owes her origin.

At a meeting of the Woodstock Association, probably in 1833, the Rev. Freeman first directed the attention of the organization to the advisability of the establishment of a Baptist school for higher education within the territorial limits of the Association.\* The idea met with ready approval. In the eighteen-thirties there

\*The churches in the Woodstock Association in 1833 were Windsor, E. P., Chester, Jamaica, Springfield, Cavendish, Grafton, Windham, Townshend 1st Church, Windsor, W. P., Westminster and Rockingham, Mount Holly, Hartland, Weston, Ludlow, Townshend 2nd church, Londonderry, Winhall, Dorset, Wallingford 2nd church, Andover, Shrewsbury and Plymouth.

was, except for a Congregational Seminary at Chester, no school offering advanced instruction within those limits, a territory then comprising one of the most populous portions of the state. The need of more adequate educational facilities was apparent and the matter was thoroughly discussed.

As soon as possible the Association formulated plans for the founding of the school. Money and a suitable location were the first things to be considered. A large endowment in those days was not deemed essential (many schools were self supporting), but enough money had to be raised to purchase a suitable site for the school and erect one or two buildings thereon. To gain that end it was necessary to interest influential and liberal minded men in the cause, and to arouse general enthusiasm and support throughout the territorial limits of the Association.

To accomplish this the Association authorized or sanctioned mass meetings in various places. At these meetings the nature of the undertaking, plans for raising funds, and particularly the choice of a location were freely discussed. Opinion was quite un-animously favorable as to the real necessity of a new educational institution, but as was inevitable in gatherings of New Englanders, ideas as to ways and means, and especially as to location, were extremely diverse. Some contended that the school should be in the northern towns. Others championed the cause of a southern location. Elder Freeman was a strong advocate of the former viewpoint and Major Ransom of the latter.

Major Ransom labored ceaselessly to gain the prize for Townshend. He early realized that an argument of dollars and cents would be a great force in pleading his cause, and so early in 1834 he raised by voluntary subscription a sum of money, large in those days, mostly from Townshend to defray the expenses of building, providing that the new school be established in the township. The subscription form, the names of the donors, and the sums pledged for that purpose can be found on page 47.

As time went on it was realized that the divergent opinions could never be harmonized, and to effect an amicable adjustment the original plan was so altered as to provide for two schools, one in the northern and one in the southern part of the district. In the



end, Townshend and Ludlow were selected as sites, though almost every other town except Chester was considered for the northern school, Cavendish for a time being the favorite. Thus the Seminary was born a twin. Black River Academy at Ludlow received its charter from the State Legislature in the same month (Oct. 1834) as did the present school at Townshend.

Following immediately upon the decision as to general location, and before the charter of incorporation was granted, active work toward securing a specific site for the school in East Townshend village was begun. On May 6, 1834 the Hon. Chapin Howard, acting for the school until it should be incorporated, took from Ezra Ober a quitclaim deed of a lot of land on the east side of the main street of Townshend village, to be held in trust by him for "the sole use and benefit of the Academy about to be erected in said Townshend." The deed in full may be found in volume 10 Page 122 of the Land Records of Townshend. As originally conveyed this site included not only the present Seminary property, but the Winslow store lot (now owned by C. C. Robinson) to the south, then called the Tavern Stand, and considerable land as well to the east of the present Seminary.

As a matter of fact the Seminary as an incorporated institution did not obtain actual title to any property till it had been in successful operation for nearly fourteen years. The actual transfer from Chapin Howard to the School is dated September 15, 1848. That deed is found in Volume 14, page 232 of the land Records of Townshend, and shows that between the transfer from Ober and the transfer to the Seminary Mr. Howard, acting for the Seminary, had transferred the land to the east of the present school to James Taggart, but the school still retained the Tavern Stand. This latter property by the terms of the conveyance from Ober was forever after debarred from use as a house of public entertainment.

The Woodstock Association was likewise actively employed in promoting the school. In the minutes of the Association for September 1834 there is the record of a committee chosen by the Association to appoint "twenty Trustees of the Leland Classical Institution of Townshend." It is difficult to understand just what was intended by their action, for Trustees could not be

properly appointed for a corporation that as yet did not exist. It is not improbable that the duties of the committee were simply to designate twenty suitable persons to be named as Trustees in the charter which it was expected would be granted at the approaching session of the legislature.

It also appears that the Association chose a committee of five, consisting of Chapin Howard, Wm. R. Shafter, Peter R. Taft, Daniel Cobb and Epaphro Ransom, to superintend the erection of a school building. When this was done, is not known.

The Act of Incorporation (see page 49) passed October 31, 1834 gave to the school at Townshend the quaint and cumbersome title "The Leland Classical and English School." This name was in honor of the then recently deceased Lieutenant Governor Aaron Leland of Chester, a popular Baptist preacher of his day who died in 1832. According to an old record this was "a fitting tribute to the memory of one who had stood high in the councils of his own denomination and had filled a large place in the hearts of his people."\*

Immediately following the legal incorporation the Trustees, in pursuance of a clause in the charter, met at the home of Captain James Taggart of Townshend on the first Monday in January 1835 and organized with the following officers: Hon. Peter R. Taft, president†; Rev. Erastus Willard and Rev. Mansfield Bruce, Vice-Presidents; Hon. John Roberts, secretary; Hon. Chapin Howard, treasurer and collector.

At this meeting a committee of three was chosen, consisting of John Roberts, Allen Goodrich, and Peter R. Taft, to draft a code of by-laws for the government of the corporation. The committee reported at an adjourned meeting held May 2, following, and at that time by-laws were adopted which, with occasional additions and amendments, were in force until the year 1887, when a complete revision was made.

At the first meeting of the Trustees, it was also voted that the committee that had been previously appointed by the Associa-

\*See page 54, also a booklet "Elder Aaron Leland" by Rev. Henry Crocker (1906).

†For biography see Phelps's History of Townshend Part II, also this History, page 56.

tion, "to superintend the erection of a school building, be a committee to superintend the prudential affairs of said corporation, until the by-laws are reported and adopted by said Trustees." This, in fact, constituted them the prudential committee, and no successors were chosen that year.

Already the building committee had taken active steps toward the erection of the new school. On the land between the old Baptist Church and the building later known as the Deacon Winslow store was completed, in the year 1834-35, the two story, rectangular brick building surmounted by a wooden tower\* which was known to many school generations as "The Seminary" or "The Academy." The actual building thereof was done on contract by Daniel Cobb of Windham for the then considerable sum of \$1,200. Just prior to the full completion of the building a small subscription was taken to provide for the painting. The donors of these sums given, and form of subscription paper are given on page (47).

So at last in the autumn of 1835 having successfully passed through the trying period of organization, with few tangible resources, but with the hopes and prayers of many people backing it, Leland Classical and English School first opened its doors to the youth of that early day. It offered then as now, to those not rich in money but ambition, a chance to obtain a thorough, honest education at a price within their means.

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## FROM THE FOUNDING TO THE CIVIL WAR

The first term of the new school, in the absence of Mr. A. F. Tilton A. B., principal elect, was opened in the fall of 1835 by Rev. Erastus Willard of Grafton, first Vice-President. In a short time, however, Principal Tilton assumed personal management of the school, and under his guidance it set out upon a very prosperous career.

The first record extant of the Seminary after the organization of the trustees is a catalogue issued in 1836 in the principalship of

\*Later famed for the placing of Judge Stoddard's calf within its walls.

Mr. Tilton of which the school now possesses a hand written copy. From that catalogue it appears that there were 132 pupils, both boys and girls, in attendance that year and that the faculty\* included the principal and four assistants, one of whom bore the title, "Preceptress of the Ladies Department." As the school was the only one of its kind for many miles around it drew patronage from widely scattered points throughout New England. For many years after 1837 the school year consisted of four terms, spring, summer, fall and winter.

In connection with the opening of the school it is interesting to note the following extract from the minutes of the Woodstock Association and comments thereon by Mr. Davidson:

"It will be gratifying to the friends of the Redeemer who properly appreciate the cause of education, to know that we have now, within the bounds of the Association, two flourishing Academies, both chartered at the last session of the legislature. The Black River Academy is located in the village of Ludlow." . . .

"The Leland English and Classical School is located at Townshend. This institution has a brick building. It is believed that the advantages presented by these institutions for acquiring a thorough education, are second to those of no similar institution in the state."

It is well to remark here that the Woodstock Association continued to manifest the same fostering care for the two schools as long as both were held to be within its territorial limits, and their yearly minutes, with few exceptions, until 1856, contained some commendatory resolution, or favorable mention, and many times they appointed visiting committees for each school. One resolution selected from the many, namely that for the year 1845, reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Academies at Ludlow and Townshend, originally warmed into life by this Association, ought still to be fostered by its maternal care. Resolved, That we hear with pleasure of the prosperity of these Academies, and that under their present efficient board of instruction, we still sustain them by our contributions, patronage and influence." The first visiting committee appointed by them for the school at Townshend, is supposed to have been in 1846, and for that year consisted of Horace Fletcher, B. Burrows, Lucian Hayden, Wm. L. Guilford, I. M. Wilmarth, R. Sawyer and E. Hutchinson.

\*The faculty roll year by year since the founding is given on pages 96-106.



In 1856, or thereabouts, the Baptist church at Townshend transferred its connection to the Windham Association, and the Seminary no longer appears in the Woodstock minutes. The Windham Association, by its yearly resolutions, and in other ways, continued for many years to manifest its interest in the prosperity of the school."

As already stated the school when first incorporated owned the large white building directly to the south of the school proper. For some years after its opening the Seminary maintained possession of this property and operated the premises as a combined dormitory and boarding house for the students. This boarding house was run on a peculiar system. The property was leased or rented to someone for a certain sum. All responsibility for its management was turned over to this person, and he in turn was allowed to make what profit he could. The successive lessees were: Abner Johnson, Benjamin Howe, Rice Howe, Ezekiel Taft, Isaac Hovey, and Ballou Swan. However, the enterprise was not a success, and Mr. Davidson in his sketch relates the later history of the boarding House as follows:

"For upwards of fifteen years, the students, to quite an extent, obtained board at this place. The meager and uncertain income derivable from rent, proved insufficient to meet the expense of necessary repairs, so that in a financial point of view the boarding house resulted in loss rather than gain to the institution. Therefore, in the year 1853, the matter of selling it began to be agitated. Meetings were held by the Trustees for consultation, and such action as might seem best. July 2, of the same year, it was voted to sell the said building, together with certain land connected therewith, for not less than \$1,200.00. In January, 1854, no sale having been effected, John Blandin was appointed agent to exchange the boarding house for the dwelling house then occupied by Nathaniel Cheney, now owned by Mr. Ora O. Ober.\* Mr. Blandin attended to the duties of his appointments in April, following.† The building taken in exchange was used for the same

\*Now owned by Mabel Fullerton.

†Mr. Blandin quitclaimed to Maria M. Cheney, the boarding house, and about one-half acre of land, reserving the "brick building as a Seminary, and the land on which the same stands, with all the land north of said building," reserving, also, "three feet on the east side of said building, and the privilege of enlarging the Seminary on the east part, as the Trustees or their successors may at any time see fit to extend the same." It was also stipulated that "no building shall ever, hereafter, be erected upon the premises hereby conveyed within 18 feet of any part of the south end of the said Seminary," and that "no tavern shall ever be kept upon said premises."

purpose as the other, and managed in a similar way. Among its occupants were Benjamin Howe, Mr. Ober and a Mr. Nedd whose name was afterwards changed to Allen. By a reading of the deeds the Seminary would seem to have made \$200 by the deal.

Some rent was paid by the occupants, but on the whole, as in the former case, the boarding house last owned was financially a failure, so far as the interests of the corporation were concerned. So, after an experience of six or seven years, it was proposed to sell that, also, and put out the proceeds at interest. Trustee meetings were held and the plan fully discussed, pro and con, sometimes with considerable warmth of feeling. The principal objection urged against a sale was that naturally the funds obtained would be expended in one way and another, and then there would be nothing to show for them. Finally, after repeated discussions, the Trustees (Feb. 19, 1861) decided to arrange for a sale, and appointed Hon. O. S. Howard agent to execute a deed to a purchaser, provided the sum of \$1,200 could be obtained. It was expressly understood among the members of the Board, that the proceeds should be safely invested, and only the interest used from time to time. This understanding, however, formed no part of the vote. The contemplated sale was effected at the above named price, April 4, 1861. The sum obtained, \$1,200.00, was, however, kept undiminished."

In addition to the dormitory proper there was advertised in the early catalogues for about ten years, "14 rooms in the public edifice" for the accommodation of students. The probable whereabouts of these rooms is a matter for conjecture to those who remember the original building in its later days. However, about 1843 extensive repairs were made at the school, and probably those rooms were converted at that time into the large hall on the second floor.

At the time of those repairs mention is made in the catalogues of recent improvements upon the village park in front of the Seminary. This is a reference to the time when a rocky tract of land over which not even an ox team could pass in safety was converted into the pleasant green of today. In that work the Seminary students took a large part. Many of the trees now on the common were set out by them, and in early times it was considered as almost the school campus.

Until the year 1847 the official title of the institution never

appeared upon its catalogues. The cumbersome title "The Leland Classical and English School," always gave place to the simple title of "Townshend Academy." The latter name. was at one time seriously considered for official adoption but it never had any legal authorization. On February 7, 1848, however, a formal vote was taken by the trustees to petition the state legislature for a change of name to "Leland Seminary." This was done. The request was granted, and the modified form appeared upon the catalogue of 1847-48.

Incorporated in the early catalogues are lists of the text books then employed in class room work. Such ones as "Smith's Grammar," "Colburn's and Bailes Algebra," "Comstock's Chemistry" and "Phylosophy" (now called Physics) are familiar titles to an older generation. Also there are found quaint phrases, titles and courses of study such as: "Preceptress of the Female Department," "Teacher of Monochromatic, Polychromatic Painting and Head Drawing," "Teacher of the Ornamental Branches," etc. The function of the last official is shrouded in mystery for us of today, as all subjects conceivably ornamental are carefully listed elsewhere. For a time, even instruction in the art of making hair wreaths is advertised for the benefit of our clever grandmothers.

From the first the catalogues seem to emphasize the advantage of a thorough preparation in a few subjects rather than a cursory survey of many. In the catalogue of 1843-1844, Principal William B. Bunnell sums up the early attitude of the school very well in a sentence that runs as follows: "It is not the aim to attempt to do everything, but to do what is done well."

In 1846, under the direction of Principal Moses Lyford A. B., a definite course of study was organized in the classical department to cover a three-year period of four terms each year. The course was designed for complete and thorough preparation for college and was much the same as the classical courses of today. In addition to the classics a mathematical course was required from those preparing for college.

Soon after this (1851) Principal Claudius Buchanan Smith\*

\*A picture of Professor Smith now hangs in the Seminary. For a sketch of life see page 59.

became head of the school. Principal Smith was probably the most outstanding of all the Seminary's early principals and under him the school attained the maximum enrollment—257 different pupils in the year 1856.

During this period the French department assumed a commanding place in the curriculum, first under the direction of Monsieur S. A. Buteau M. D. and later under Monsieur J. R. Lamoureux. In those days students were graduated not with a general diploma of certification as now, but from each separate department. There is still in existence the list of those graduated in French in 1854 under Professor Buteau\*.

At that period in addition to French, instruction was offered in two other languages: Italian and German. The curriculum was wide in scope, thoroughly organized in departments, and required a faculty of about ten members. The subjects taught in 1858, included common and higher English, Latin and Greek, Chemistry, Surveying, French, Mathematics, Pastel Oil Painting, Penmanship, Vocal Music, Penciling, Crayon and Water Colors, Oriental and Grecian Painting, Music on the organ, the melodion, the piano or the Spanish guitar. Lest the above curriculum may seem at variance with the statement as to thorough preparation it is well to remember that in the middle of the last century liberal education meant primarily Latin, Greek and Mathematics for the boys, with lectures only in the sciences; while the education of women was still considered a decidedly ornamental object.

In the catalogue of 1855 is found the first mention of an institution which from other sources we know to have been characteristic of the Seminary from its founding. This was the weekly or fortnightly compulsory forensic lyceums. At these, speeches were prepared and declaimed by each member of the student body during the term. So strictly was this rule adhered to that one promising boy is said to have been expelled for refusing to take part in the lyceum. Many of the original copies of the speeches prepared for the year 1836-1837 are preserved. The work in debating and oratory culminated each year in what was termed an "Exhibition."

\*On this list is the name of Miss Caroline Twitchell, now Mrs. Caroline Randall of Townshend who is probably the Seminary's oldest living graduate.



The program for the one held November 12, 1855 is printed in that year's catalogue, and indicates that in one evening twenty-seven different selections were read or recited.\*

From the first the Seminary, owing to the limited salaries it could offer and at times because of local prejudices, was subjected to a change of instructors altogether too rapid for its best interests. Nevertheless the school obtained several men of noteworthy ability as its heads during those years. Among these outstanding figures are Principals Claudius B. Smith (already mentioned) who left the Seminary in 1859 just at the close of this period of its history, William B. Bunnell A. M., and Moses Lyford A. B. But although the instructors changed frequently the trustees continued in office for long terms. There were only four presidents† from the founding to a date six years after the Civil War. Of these, two died in office and two removed to distant parts of the country. While during the entire history of the school there have been but nine presidents.

While of no importance from the standpoint of Seminary history it is interesting to note, because of earlier anti-Masonic agitations, that on February 14, 1859 the Trustees voted to rent the attic of the Seminary building to the Blazing Star Lodge, F. and A. M. for use as a lodge room. This arrangement was continued for a number of years.

During these early years frequent passages in the catalogues give evidence of the interest of various persons in the welfare of the school, as manifested either by financial gifts to tide over hard times, or else to provide supplies and equipment. Early in the school's history it was given a library of several hundred volumes on certain conditions, and in 1860 a very valuable cabinet of minerals was given by a Mr. Murdock.

Says Mr. Davidson regarding the finances of these early years:

\*One gem of humor alone seems to have entered: "No. 5—Oration—Advantages of Female Society"—by O. C. Merrifield of Brookline. Among the other speakers of that evening was Miss N. F. Boutelle, later one of the founders of Kurn Hattin Homes. A few years later the valedictory address was by Eleazer Waterman of Jamaica, later Chief Justice of the Superior Judges of Vt., now a resident of Brattleboro.

†A list of the presidents is given on page 85.

"The plan seems to have been established from the very beginning, that the Principal of the Academy, should receive the tuitions as his own, and pay the ordinary expenses of the school; that the corporation provide, in some way, the means needed for repairs, purchase of furniture, apparatus, chemicals and the like. But the corporation, as such, had no assets, and no regular sources of income except from rental of the boarding house, and that was inadequate and not always certain. The consequence was, that the institution was usually in debt in varying sums. Without attempting to state the precise condition of its financial affairs, the following items may serve to throw some light upon the matter, in a general way.

On completion of the brick building, the indebtedness was \$236.67.

The records show that in 1839, the amount in excess of credits was \$347.48.

The records show that in 1844, the amount in excess of credits was \$259.82.

The records show that in 1845, the amount in excess of credits, was \$264.45.

The records show that in 1846, the amount in excess of credits was \$256.56.

The records show that in 1847, the amount in excess of credits was \$426.66.

In the year last named, a barn and small lot were sold to Capt. Taggart for \$551.00; and it is natural to suppose that the proceeds were used, mostly, in the payment of debts; and that the latter were liquidated in full. In a few years the institution was in arrears again, as appears from the records of a meeting of the Trustees held January 3, 1853, when Co. Jonas Twitchell was appointed committee to solicit subscriptions for payment of debts. At a subsequent meeting, held in the following month, he reported subscriptions to the amount of \$250.00, with prospects of \$50.00 more. It is presumable that about \$300.00 were raised and applied in extinguishment of the indebtedness then existing.

January 7, 1856, it was voted to raise \$300.00 to replace and repair the chemical apparatus. This was done probably as an inducement to retain the services of Prof. C. B. Smith, then Principal. The vote was doubtless carried into effect, though there is no record of this fact.

January 26, 1857, the Trustees appointed Hon. A. Stoddard, agent to find a party to assume the debts of the institution, and to execute to such party a mortgage of real estate belonging to the corporation, as security. February 14, 1859, Hon. O. S. Howard

was made agent for a similar purpose. There is nothing to show that either of them accomplished anything in the direction intended. In 1860 the indebtedness amounted to about \$800.00. This was liquidated in the way proposed by Dea. Samuel Gray, an account of which is given further on.

The fact that the institution was in arrears to the amount of a few hundred dollars for several years after it was founded, was not a great matter nor a surprising one; and there is no reason to suppose that any creditor ever suffered loss."

It is thus that we find Leland and Gray on the brink of the Civil War. That period was to bring to her great reverses, troubles and uncertainties. But she was well prepared to meet them through her justly high reputation for educational thoroughness, gained during twenty-six years of constantly increasing prosperity and worth.

## 3.

## FROM 1860 TO THE FIRE OF 1894

In common with many other like institutions Leland and Gray Seminary at the time of the Civil War entered upon a period of hardship and uncertainty. Just how great the difficulties were that the Seminary had to face can not now be altogether determined, for in 1862 the catalogues, until then issued every year, began to fail. This in itself is one proof of the overturn of customs, traditions and habits that then took place. The curriculum decreased in size, and in 1865 the summer term was dropped from the year's schedule, and the three term scholastic year adopted.

Upon the outbreak of the war, while George E. Lane A. B. was principal (1859-1861) the ranks of both students and faculty were immediately depleted by enlistments. In the catalogue of those years, and of the decade preceding are found the names of many sons of Leland and Gray who served upon the battlefields—some of them not to return.

Probably the most serious menace to the continued existence of the school lay at that time in her precarious financial situation. In 1860 the indebtedness of the school amounted, as

we have seen, to about eight hundred dollars. This sum, though small in the standards of today, was at that time, and under such conditions, of formidable size. This fact, coupled with the decreasing enrollment and rising prices, threatened seriously to force the institution to close its doors.

At this moment of crisis, however, Deacon Samuel Gray of Townshend, a member of the Board of Trustees, pledged himself (Jan. 2, 1860) to liquidate the major part of the debt if enough money could be raised by other means to take care of the remainder. This was done, and to perpetuate the memory of this generous act on the part of Deacon Gray, Hon. Abishai Stoddard, who represented the Town of Townshend in the legislature in 1862, introduced before that body a bill to incorporate the word "Gray" into the name of the institution. The bill passed and ever since that time the school has borne the title by which it is known today, "Leland and Gray Seminary."

In comparison with the current prices prevailing at the time of the founding of the school it is of interest to note that it was during these years that they took their first decided rise. From \$1.25-\$1.50 in 1859, depending on whether board was had in private families or in student clubs, it had advanced in the latter part of the decade to \$4.00-\$4.50.

During these years, as has been said, the curriculum began to decrease in size. Some of the "ornamental" branches were noticeably absent for several years after 1861. Later, under Principal C. C. Boynton, they again appear.

In 1861 is found the last program of the annual Exhibitions; though evidently from various references they were continued for many years. Curiously enough at this same date appears the first indication of dramatics at the Seminary. A short play, "Poor Pillicody" was presented in connection with the annual exhibition, November 12, 1861.

Under Principal Edward A. Judson A. B., (1865-1866), a primary or preparatory department was instituted or re-established, for the purpose of training, under the direct supervision of the principal, pupils too young to be enrolled among the regular student body.

In November 1871, the Rev. Horace Fletcher, for twenty-three years president of the Board of Trustees, died, and the Hon. Abishai Stoddard was elected to fill the vacancy.

During the principalship of Milon Davidson (1870-1874), a commercial course was established on a small scale and under his guidance and that of his wife, Mrs. Gratia Davidson, the school grew rapidly. So closely is Mr. Davidson's name linked with the welfare of Leland and Gray, from the date of his assuming the principalship until his death in 1897, that no passing summary of his work would be adequate. A sketch of his life and service will be found on page 61.

In 1876, Principal C. C. Boynton became the active head of the Seminary, and continued in this position until 1883. Principal Boynton was the outstanding figure of this part of the school's history, and is still well remembered by a host of former pupils. Under him drastic reorganization was accomplished. The curriculum was again reorganized. Teachers of oratory from Boston schools were engaged, and rhetoricals gained even greater prominence. Classes were graduated now with general diplomas. The rules of the school were recodified.\* A series of lectures was given before the student body at various times and the enrollment increased. Leland and Gray continued to hold her own, though she was no longer the only school in the vicinity, Brattleboro High, Bellows Falls High, and Vermont Academy all arising during the thirty years of which this division of the history treats.

In connection with the principalship of Professor Boynton special mention should be made of the presence upon the faculty list of the name of Mrs. H. B. Kenyon, one of the assistants, than whom the Seminary has probably never had a more efficient or popular instructress. It is greatly to be regretted that outside circumstances severed Mrs. Kenyon's connections with the school within a few years. After leaving the Seminary she conducted a very prosperous private school for some time in the village.

\*Probably the most drastic to the minds of the youth of today would be the one prohibiting conversation from windows.



In spite, however, of Deacon Gray's generous aid the Seminary still remained in an unsatisfactory financial position. And the advisability, even the necessity, of obtaining a permanent endowment was increasingly evident. Debts of the corporation were from time to time incurred for repairs, furniture, apparatus, etc. In early years the school had been practically self-supporting by means of tuitions derived from a liberal patronage. Its founders and friends had expected that it would so continue for an indefinite period. But to quote from Mr. Davidson's sketch;

"On account of the establishment of neighboring schools of a high order, and a marked decrease in the population in all the region around, it gradually came to be felt that the income received through the ordinary channels would be insufficient to keep the Seminary up to its former standard. Therefore, the necessity of endowing it forced itself upon the minds of some, and in 1871, Rev. Stephen G. Abbott, then acting pastor of the Baptist church in Townshend, endeavored to set the wheels in motion to secure an Endowment Fund, but although he labored zealously to accomplish the object of his desire, few were then quite ready to put their hands deep down in their pockets."

At that time the only fund in the nature of a permanent endowment was the still intact amount of \$1,200 obtained in 1861, as previously noted, from the sale of the Boarding House.

To continue from Mr. Davidson's sketch, "In 1876 Professor C. C. Boynton, then Principal of the Academy, inaugurated a second movement for obtaining the requisite aid. He was enthusiastically seconded in his plans by the Trustees who at their annual meeting in 1877, appointed Professor Boynton and Rev. Mark Carpenter, a committee "to solicit funds" for the proposed object. Some canvassing was done during the year, but with little success.

In January, 1878, the Board, at their annual meeting, adopted the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the increased attendance of Students at Leland & Gray Seminary, during the last year, notwithstanding the prosperous beginning of a neighboring school of a high order, demonstrates the wisdom of maintaining this institution, since it can more economically and more conveniently, than any other, furnish the higher education of the youth in towns north, west and south of this.

*Resolved*, That the past year adds a fresh illustration to the acknowledged truth that tuitions alone are insufficient, even with good attendance, to support competent teachers.

*Resolved*, That this is a most favorable time to secure an endowment for which liberal offers have been made.

*Resolved*, That this object commends itself to every citizen of Townshend; to friends of education in adjoining towns whose children and whose common school teachers may be educated here; to former residents of Townshend; to former students in this school; and to Christian philanthropists everywhere, and demands their aid.

*Resolved*, That Prof. C. C. Boynton, Rev. M. Carpenter, Hon. A. Stoddard, and Dea. S. D. Winslow, 2d, be appointed a committee to secure subscriptions to the Endowment Fund. C. Q. STEBBINS, Sec."

Townshend, Vt., Jan. 16, 1878.

At a meeting held February 26, 1878, they adopted "a common form of subscription with the conditions therein named, for the endowment of Leland & Gray Seminary." The subscriptions were to be invalid unless the amount of \$11,000.00 should "be obtained as a permanent fund."

Hon. Jos. Phelps of West Townshend, upon certain special conditions fixed by himself, pledged the sum of \$3,000.00, as part and parcel of the \$11,000.00. Hon Aurelius C. Howard, of East Townshend, also, upon conditions which he named, pledged the like sum of \$3,000.00, as part and parcel of the \$11,000.00.

At an adjourned meeting, January 16, 1878, it was "Voted that the endowment committee be authorized to consider the propriety of appointing a reunion of the former students of the school." . . . A leading object of the movement was to afford a favorable opportunity to make known the wants of the institution and solicit aid. The reunion was held in Townshend, in the month of August, following.\* Touching the matter of the number present, and the unmistakable evidences of good cheer, the gathering was a grand success, but in a financial way the results were not as gratifying as had been anticipated. Urgent appeals were made, but the people then and there assembled responded to the sum of only \$147.10. This was added to the fund of \$1,200 derived, as before stated, from the sale of the boarding house.

The conditions upon which the subscriptions of Messrs. Phelps and Howard were made, not being met, the endowment plan was, for a time, abandoned. Substantial temporary aid was, however, given to Prof. Boynton, and his immediate successors, in the way of individual subscriptions.

\*For an account of the reunion see page 66.

But such aid would not, and could not, put the seminary upon a solid financial basis. Its friends plainly saw that the time had come when something *must be done*, or Leland and Gray would have anything but a hopeful future before it. Realizing this, as clearly as any one, E. J. Knapp, in 1886, then a trustee and member of the prudential committee, set on foot a third movement for the endowment of the academy. He was heartily seconded in his purpose, by the other members of the Board who, at a meeting, held August 23, in that year, appointed him financial agent "to solicit contributions to increase the funds of said institutions." . . . Assisted somewhat by Hon. Ira K. Batchelder and M. Davidson, Mr. Knapp, with a tenacity of purpose, and wise discretion, rarely equalled, in a few months obtained from responsible parties pledges to the amount of \$10,000, and, also, the further pledge of a No. 1 piano from Dea. Jacob Estey and son, of Brattleboro."

Separate subscriptions for this endowment were taken, the usual form of which, together with the complete list of donors and sums pledged, will be found on page 51.

This amount of ten thousand dollars, increased by the former fund of \$1,347.10 made a permanent fund of \$11,347.10 to be kept forever intact as a perpetual endowment and only the income used.

In spite of the new endowment fund, however, the prospects of Leland and Gray did not for a time perceptibly brighten. In fact, for a few years they seemed gloomier than ever. It was the period of low water mark for the seminary. Confidence in the school was badly shaken. While with the rise of the large high and private schools in the vicinity, with influential backing, it seemed as if Leland and Gray's fate was certain. In fact, it was felt that the school had signed her own death warrant when, for reasons with which we cannot now sympathise, her trustees, adverse to absorption, discouraged the establishment of the Baptist State Convention school at Townshend, and saw it instead located at Saxtons River as Vermont Academy.

Between 1883, when Professor Boynton removed to New Hampshire, and 1890, the Seminary all but ceased to exist. Unfortunately practically all authentic records of those years were destroyed by the fire of 1894, and we have only a note in the

Davidson sketch which tells the total number of pupils for each of those years. The Secretary's book, however, was preserved, and from that it seems that about 1886, interest began to somewhat revive. In that year Mr. Davidson, then a member of the Board of Trustees, was authorized to publish the history of the school, and to bind the catalogues and subscription papers.

In 1887, the Seminary By-Laws were completely revised by a committee consisting of Hon. I. K. Batchelder, Hon. James H. Phelps, and Mr. Milon Davidson. Extracts from those by-laws as since amended, showing the present organization of the trustees is given on page 50.

In 1888, the Seminary Library became once more a subject for discussion, and the Trustees adopted a set of by-laws for that. On June 10 of the same year Dr. C. M. Terrell, a member of the board was appointed to secure the old town library for the school; while the gift of the library of the Rev. Mark Carpenter, made by his estate, was accepted. In 1890, a vote of thanks was extended to the Hon. Abishai Stoddard for a gift of books to the library. On June 21, 1890, it was voted to move the whole or a part of the Mark Carpenter Library to the Baptist parsonage to be returned at the request of the trustees. This was probably done. The rest of the library of that day was partially destroyed in the fire, though remnants still exist.

Another evidence of renewed prosperity was extensive repairs undertaken in 1889 and 1890.

In 1890, David G. Smyth, A. B., who is now a member of the Board of Trustees, became principal. Friends rallied to the school's support, and the Seminary began to revive. Department courses were again organized, and athletics were introduced for the first time to some extent; particularly tennis and football.

Principal Smyth was succeeded by Principal Aubrey Brendon Call, A. M. During the Principalship of Aubrey Call the trustees cooperated in a still further revision of the curriculum. On March 15, 1892 a committee of the trustees, consisting of Rev. C. H. Smith, and Mr. Milon Davidson, was appointed to confer with the principal in regard to fixing a course of study for the school. The result was the establishment of a definite three-year course of

study with a diploma to be awarded upon its completion. New equipment was purchased, the catalogues again appeared with regularity, and in January, 1894, plans for increased endowment and for obtaining a campus were formulated.

In 1894, graduation, which had been abandoned for six years, was again held with a class of five members. Under Principal Call, modern Leland and Gray may be said to have begun.

Rhetoricals again returned to prominence. A literary and forensic society, Tau Delta Phi, was organized. Attendance gained. Confidence was restored, and Leland and Gray seemed headed for a new and prosperous era. But suddenly, in one short windy April afternoon, all was changed, and by the evening of April 26, 1894, Leland and Gray Seminary, together with a large part of Townshend village, lay a gutted, smoking ruin.

## 4.

FROM THE GREAT FIRE TO THE PRESENT  
TIME

The year 1894 brought to Leland and Gray Seminary her greatest misfortune, and put to the supreme test the faith, confidence and resourcefulness of her trustees and friends.

On New Year's Day of that year the Board of Trustees, at the annual meeting, passed a resolution of regret for the then recent death of the Hon. Abishai Stoddard, who had been for thirty-six years a member of the Board, and for the twenty-one years next preceeding his death its president. His son, the Hon. Edgar W. Stoddard, was at once elected to fill the position left vacant by his father's passing; which office he continued to hold until his own death in 1897.

In the same meeting, besides the business transacted in connection with the election of the new president, there arose the question of providing the school with more adequate equipment than it at that time possessed. Particularly was the need of a suitable campus considered, together with the advisability of again increasing the endowment fund. Committees were ap-



pointed to supervise the different lines of endeavor, and this work might well have been crowned with success had it not been cut short by the disaster which called for an immediate and vigorous campaign to preserve the very existence of the institution.

About one o'clock on the afternoon of April 26, 1894, fire broke out in a barn which stood directly behind the present Baptist Church property. Fanned by a terrific wind from the northwest, the blaze swept southward with great rapidity, along a street crowded close with wooden buildings. With no adequate fire protection available in time the fight was hopeless. In little more than two hours the east side of the main street of Townshend village, from the little wooden building to the north of the Baptist Church to the Baptist parsonage on the south, was a wilderness of smoking ruins. Out of it all rose the blackened and tottering walls of the old brick Seminary, the roof gone and the interior completely destroyed.

The outlook was indeed dark. Could a corporation with only a little more than eleven thousand dollars for a permanent endowment, situated in a village whose economic prosperity had suffered such a tremendous setback hope to recoup its fortunes and to carry on? In spite of the great odds the friends of the school were undaunted, and the decision was immediately made to keep Leland and Gray alive.

On May 12, 1894, a special all day meeting of the Trustees was held in the Congregational church, and upon the motion of the Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, then pastor of the local Baptist church, it was voted unanimously to proceed at once with plans for reconstruction. A committee consisting of Hon. E. W. Stoddard, Dr. F. L. Osgood, C. Q. Stebbins and E. L. Hastings, was instructed to obtain plans at once for the new building, and do whatever should seem expedient for the furtherance of the project.

At the same meeting, Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, was appointed special financial agent to solicit funds for the new building (the endowment fund being unavailable for the purpose) and to seek to enlarge the permanent resources. He was authorized to visit such persons and places as he should see fit in the furtherance of this enterprise. To the Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, Leland and

Gray Seminary to a very large extent, owes her existence today. As Major Ezekiel Ransom had done in 1834, and Milon Davidson and Mr. E. J. Knapp in the eighteen-eighties, so did the Rev. Mr. Meacham in 1894. He labored almost literally night and day, with a persistency and activity which were remarkable, and to such purpose that in a very short time success was assured, and construction on the new building was begun.

As had been done at the erection of the original building individual subscriptions of any size were now again solicited and by this means a sufficient amount was raised, together with insurance funds, etc., to build the seminary of today.

The new Seminary, the plans for which were drawn by P. B. Alderman of Holyoke, Mass., was built by Harrison H. Chamberlain of Townshend, then a well known contractor. The new structure was a great improvement on the former building, which had become hopelessly antiquated. It was completed in time for the winter term of 1894\*. The first Trustees' meeting to be held therein was on January 7, 1895. At the time of building there was some friction with Mr. Osmon Coombs, a neighboring property holder on the south, over boundary lines. The trouble became almost a law suit, but was finally settled out of court.

On October 11, 1894 a committee, consisting of Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, Mr. G. H. Houghton, Mr. Milon Davidson and Hon. Edgar W. Stoddard was appointed to take charge of the dedicatory exercises at the opening of the new building.

To turn now from the story of the re-establishment of the Seminary in a material way to the consideration of its steady advancement in the educational field is to dwell upon a growth, not so spectacular as the former, a development marked by no heroic rising above a great calamity, but no less a matter for pride to those connected with Leland and Gray.

In 1897, Principal Eli Edgecomb became the head of the Seminary with Mrs. Edgecomb as preceptress. Under these two intensely alert educators Leland and Gray made exceedingly rapid progress in regaining standing and reputation. A Teachers'

\*It is of interest to note that the foundations of the present building were laid with the expectation that the new seminary was to be veneered with brick.

Training Class (not under state supervision as later) which had been re-established a few years earlier now assumed considerable prominence in the curriculum. The departments of Physics and Chemistry were so reorganized as to be much larger factors than before. Elocution together with Physical Education was given a new importance.

On the very dawn of the new era the Seminary lost two of her most devoted servants. In the summer of 1896 the Hon. Edgar W. Stoddard, president of the Trustees, passed on, and in August, 1897, Mr. Milon Davidson, who had served the Seminary as principal, trustee and treasurer for many years was taken sick and died while on a business trip to the west. President Stoddard was one of a family who for many years had been intimately connected with the history of the school, while few men have labored more for the upbuilding of the Seminary than Milon Davidson of Newfane.

Dr. Henry D. Holton of Brattleboro succeeded Mr. Stoddard as president and continued in that office until his own death in 1917.

The Leland and Gray Alumni Association was organized on July 4, 1899, by a group of former students who wished to insure to the Seminary the formal aid of the men and women who had obtained their education at the school. A brief history of the organization and its work is given on page 68.

A matter of historical interest connected with the school in this decade is the fact that George Adin Brooks, who is said to have been the first member of the volunteer army of the U. S. to be killed on Cuban Soil in the Spanish American War was a student at Leland and Gray.

Under the Edgecombs in 1902 the L. G. S. Messenger, the present undergraduate publication, was organized. This tri-yearly booklet which preserves the human interest side of the school for later years is one of the main sources for this history and is one of the most important factors now serving to link the Leland and Gray of today to that of the past.

In that same year, 1902, the curriculum requirement for graduation was again advanced to require four years of prepara-

tion instead of three. This change necessitated the suspension of graduation for one year. However, this time it did not mean as before inadequacy in the preparation, but rather increased efficiency. This change placed Leland and Gray definitely on a basis where she could again offer to the youth of south-eastern Vermont educational facilities ranking well with those of any other educational institution of its class.

During the late nineties and early nineteen hundreds the trustees records contain reference to many projects showing the renewed vigor of the school. In May, 1899, money was appropriated for enlargement of the Chemistry and Physics Laboratory. In 1900, a vote of thanks was extended to John B. Stebbins of Brookline for a mineral cabinet and collection given by him to the school. In 1902, the idea of buying the Stoddard house (now owned by the Haynes Sanders Est) for a dormitory was considered, but was not carried out. The rules of the school were codified and printed. In September, 1902, was held the first of the annual Freshmen receptions. This first affair was given, however, by the trustees to the new teachers and students as a public reception. The committee in charge of the event was Rev. E. A. Royal, A. A. Mason, Dr. F. L. Osgood, C. H. Willard and F. H. Willard.

In 1902, Principal and Mrs. Edgecomb completed their connection with Leland and Gray. They were succeeded by Principal William A. Harthorne, A. B. During the principalship of Mr. Harthorne basketball was taken up actively at the Seminary, and football which had been abandoned was revived for a brief period by his first assistant, Merle E. Sellew, A. B. Under Principal Harthorne, the Seminary sent forth its first graduates under the newly organized four year course.

These years saw considerable agitation pro and con by the trustees over the athletic question. On June 4, 1903, a committee composed of John H. Ware, F. H. Willard and C. H. Willard was appointed to consider the possibility of obtaining a gymnasium. Nothing apparently came of this move. Later, in 1905, the townspeople took the matter up and a small sum of money was obtained as a beginning toward a gymnasium building fund. This was later augmented by a few individual gifts, and the whole has

since that date been in the hands of the trustees awaiting sufficient additions to make possible the erection of a gymnasium suitable for the needs of the school.

Without a gymnasium, however, the advisability of allowing indoor sport, particularly basketball was a mooted question. The main objection was, and still is, that the school building is not constructed with such a purpose in view and consequently damage to walls and ceilings is excessive. However, in 1904, the trustees at the instigation of Dr. F. L. Osgood, who was always a great advocate of sport, voted to permit six home games of Basketball to be played during the year. In 1906, the permission was withdrawn, but some years later was renewed with varying restrictions.

It was during this period that the Rev. Ernest A. Royal, pastor of the local Baptist Church, took an active part in the advancement of the Seminary's welfare. Of his whole hearted services mention is due.

As of old the Seminary was possessed of too insufficient funds to retain indefinitely her more successful principals. Nevertheless, it is remarkable how successful she was in securing a large number of highly efficient instructors during this period. Beginning with 1894, Leland and Gray numbered among her principals such popular and well remembered men as Aubrey Call, Eli Edgecomb, William Harthorne, Harris Ward Lewis, Frederick W. Wallace and Guy W. Powers. Likewise, the unvarying praise with which all of the Seminary students of the last twenty years speak of the high standards maintained by Miss Mary L. Plumb, the present Assistant Principal and Instructor in Mathematics, testify to the high standards which the school has maintained in the educational field. Among the Seminary teachers was also numbered each spring from 1908-1919 Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, instructor in Elocution. Mrs. Bemis first came to Townsend through the efforts of Principal Wallace, and always maintained high standards in her department for which the school is unique among similar institutions in the vicinity. Indeed, all through this period the Annual Junior Oratorical Contests and the Commencement Prize Speaking were integral parts of the curricu-



lum. The study of elocution at the Seminary was temporarily abandoned in 1919, but since 1923 has again been a feature of the spring term.

Because of the preservation of a complete file of the L. G. S. Messenger more is known concerning undergraduate life of this period than of that of earlier years. A short article on page 71 deals with some phases of this side of the school life.

In 1913, a Teachers' Training Course under the direction of the State Board of Education was introduced. This was continued through the years 1913-14; 1914-15; 1915-16; 1916-17 and 1920-21.

During all this time Leland and Gray was financially handicapped. Teachers' wages advanced, and supplies and equipment became more expensive each year, while the endowment fund did not increase to meet the greater financial needs. Because of this the Seminary was forced to forego enlargement along lines which the newer conceptions of education were making ever more important. And by 1909 the Seminary was confronted fairly and squarely with another fight for existence. In 1910, a small deficit was apparently cleared up by individual gifts, but such financial methods could not long continue to suffice. Although the school was safely on her feet in an educational way, and was drawing her fair proportion of scholars from surrounding towns, she was, nevertheless, approaching what seemed to be a blank wall in her path.

Fortunately, it was in this trying period that the school received the first large increase to the perpetual endowment fund since its establishment. In 1915, Miss Harriet Fletcher, one of the Board of Trustees, a member of a family long connected with the school, and herself a life long resident of Townshend bequeathed ten thousand dollars to the perpetual endowment fund of the Seminary. This amount, though not sufficient to place Leland and Gray on "Easy Street" even for the time being, did, nevertheless, by practically doubling the yearly endowment income serve to relieve the institution of its most pressing difficulties. It put the finances on a more stable basis than they had been for some time. The conditions of her gift have since her death worked certain hardships upon the school which were probably

never contemplated by her, but Leland and Gray can never forget that the gift came at a time of great need, greater than the public has ever realized, and that without it the Seminary could not have survived.

In 1917, the Trustees bought the Everett Phillips house (now owned by Walter Eddy) for a home for the principal and continued to hold it until 1922 when following the reorganization of the school it was deemed best to dispose of the property.

It is thus that we find Leland and Gray in 1919 at the termination of the principalship of Mr. Earle H. Blanchard. Her educational standards had placed her upon the approved list of the New England College Entrance Certificate Board. Her finances, though by no means flourishing, were at least moderately well off, and her doors were open as always to those willing to make an effort for their education.

## 5.

### THE LELAND AND GRAY OF TODAY

The Year 1919 will always be a prominent date in Leland and Gray history for at that time her organization underwent in many respects a radical change, and a new era of service was opened before her.

As mentioned earlier the generous and timely aid received through the bequest of Miss Fletcher in 1915 did not even at that time put the Seminary on "Easy Street." Then in 1917, came the war. Prices began to rise at once. Teachers' wages, school supplies, equipment; all took an unprecedented increase and the result was that the Seminary was again faced with the probability of being forced to close its doors. None seemed able to rally to the school's support and the case for a small private institution seemed hopeless.

Naturally when Leland and Gray was so very much in need of money the town of Townshend itself, whose welfare is inextricably intermingled with that of the Seminary, would have been only too willing to have given her aid if it had been possible. But public

funds could not be diverted to the needs of a private corporation. Neither on the other hand could the town alone afford to finance a public high school in place of the Seminary, and the endowment fund of Leland and Gray could not be utilized in aid of such an institution. The dilemma seemed insolvable. Yet it was evident that somehow must be found to link the two school systems together or else the West River Valley would cease to have an institution for complete secondary education within its limits.

With the consent of the state educational authorities who realized the importance of maintaining such an institution in the valley, the matter was arranged on the basis now to be described. The corporate body of Leland and Gray Seminary leased to the Town of Townshend the Seminary property and agreed to keep the same in repair. The town of Townshend through the Board of Education assumed the responsibility for continuing the school on the Seminary property, agreeing to keep the corporate name Leland and Gray Seminary. The Seminary as a corporation agreed to turn over each year toward the payment of running expenses whatever sum from the private endowment it should consider advisable. In addition, the state was to furnish such financial aid to the remodelled institution as it is allowed by law to schools coming under the public educational system. At the same time in conformity with the then prevailing educational policy the seventh and eighth grades of the town graded school were combined with the regular four-year Seminary course so as to afford at least for the students of Townshend, a continuous six year course.\*

This plan was carried out, and the reorganization took place in the closing weeks of the summer of 1919. In September of that year Leland and Gray found herself on a better and firmer basis than for some time previously and enabled to place the educational facilities of the public school system at her command. Best of all she had accomplished this without losing her identity as many schools had been forced to do in the past few years.

That last statement should be thoroughly understood. Leland and Gray as such did not and has not ceased to exist. Her

\*Extracts from the indenture of lease will be found on page 53.

charter was not given up, neither did her trustees disband or suffer replacement; they still remain a self perpetuating body. The endowment fund still supplies money annually for financing current school expenses. The change has only meant that the work and resources of the school have been enlarged.

Of course, the suddenness with which the change was accomplished entailed a certain degree of confusion in the academic branches. The linking of the two lower years to the school, as well as the addition of courses in Agriculture and Home Economics, together with the dominant wave for experimentation in education then sweeping the state disarranged the system of courses to a great degree. However, Leland and Gray fared much better in this respect than the other small schools of the state. Particularly was this so in that she refused to accept the elective system in its fullest details and continued as now to require a very definite course of study, quite apart from elective subjects.

Then, too, during its first trying year of readjustment, the school was very fortunate in having as its head Principal Stephen O. Salmon who had a genius for organization, and had as first Assistant Miss Mary L. Plumb who has been connected with the school since 1905. Through the efforts of these two, Leland and Gray came safely out of the early crisis and carried over most of the associations and traditions of the former management to its new life.

The story of the Seminary from that time on is mainly one of readjustments to meet new conditions, and of a slow but sure re-establishment of the confidence in her which had been shaken both by the rapidity of the real changes that had taken place, and because of misconceptions concerning the real nature of those changes.

Likewise, in the academic year 1922-23, an event occurred which has undoubtedly done more to link the Seminary of old to the Seminary of today than any other one thing. In that year former Principal Guy W. Powers of Athens, who had been the head of the school from 1911-1916, again became connected with the institution. In August, 1922, Mr. Powers became District Superintendent of the Windham Central Supervisory District of which

Townshend is a part. Mr. Powers at once threw himself whole heartedly into forwarding the interests of Leland and Gray throughout his district. In June 1925 he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees. In June, 1926, following the death of President Henry Bond of Brattleboro, Mr. Powers was elected to the presidency of the Board.

In the past four years Mr. Powers has worked ceaselessly in re-establishing the popular standing of the school throughout the county, and has devoted himself to the bringing of financial aid to the Seminary.

The story of the school in the scholastic field is now one of steadily increasing efficiency. In the spring of 1923 the study of elocution was re-sumed after a lapse of four years. The courses of study have at last all been reclassified and firmly established. The Seminary as before continues to enjoy the privilege of recognition as an approved school by the New England College Entrance Certificate Board. In connection with this recognition the following statement made by Superintendent Powers upon the recent renewal of this privilege (1927) is of value. It shows the real progress that the school has made over a period of years sufficient to demonstrate that the progress is of a permanent and not of a transitory nature. Says Mr. Powers:

"It was just 15 years ago that the school was first granted this privilege. There is no record of any adverse report on the school in all these years nor has the school ever received a warning from the board. At present there are nine graduates of the Seminary attending college. This is more than a tenth of the total enrollment.

At the end of this 15-year period is a good time to make comparisons and try to measure the progress which has been made. When the Seminary opened in the fall of 1911, there were enrolled 39 students. Of this number only eight were from Townshend and 31 from neighboring towns. When the Seminary opened last September, 63 were enrolled in the high school department; that is, in the last four years. Of this number 23 were from Townshend and 40 from near-by towns. In other words the total enrollment is nearly twice what it was in 1911 and the number of Townshend students has increased from 8 to 23.

During this time the courses of study have been strengthened.



In 1911 only two history courses were offered and these met only three times a week. Now three courses in history and one in civics are offered and all meet five times weekly. In 1911 junior and senior English recited only four times weekly while now classes recite daily. Second year French recited only four times a week, now it meets daily. Fifteen years ago there was no physics laboratory and very little equipment. Today the school has two rooms comparatively well equipped for physics work. The number of hours required for graduation has been raised from 72 to 75.

The new heating plant installed last fall is proving satisfactory. This is almost the first winter when pupils and teachers have been really comfortable.

These comparisons have been made over a long enough period to show that progress has been consistent and steady. During this 15-year period seven different principals have served the school, as many different school boards and three different superintendents. This period includes the eight years that the Seminary was immediately under the control of the board of trustees and seven years since it has been under the control of the town school board.

This record of progress could have been made only through the impelling desire of the citizens to maintain a school worthy of the traditions of Leland and Gray Seminary. It has meant co-operation, sacrifice and patient effort, but the results would seem to justify the labor."

Leland and Gray now feels every reason to look forward with confidence to future years of service—sure that she can offer to the youths of the West River Valley as good a general education, based on the time honored and time proven essential subjects as any school in the state. Certain it is that those of her graduates who have gone on to college in the past few years, and who paid reasonable diligence to their preparatory work and to their college courses have found that Leland and Gray may well be proud of the preparation she offers in comparison with the majority of schools in and out of the state.

It is only necessary for the proper estimation of Leland and Gray's worth that those who are contemplating a course of study there should realize what her purpose is. Leland and Gray is not striving to be the biggest school in the vicinity, nor is she trying to offer business courses and some of the more ornamental branches

that bigger schools can afford. To do so would be futile with her present resources. What she is doing, and will continue to do, is to offer good sound courses in the elemental sciences, in Latin, in Mathematics, in History, in French, and in English; in short, in the various kindred branches of study which have been the solid roadbed over which more than one generation has already traveled to success, and which must always continue to be the essentials on which to build a true and cultural education.

Leland and Gray's needs today if she is to continue to travel along paths of high achievement are many, and some of them must find solution soon. Most pressing is the fact that her financial backing, aside from the income from the endowment fund, is unstable, and is barely sufficient to maintain the school at its present state; whereas there is every opportunity for expansion into new realms of service if the money was but available. Of the money derived from other sources than the small endowment fund there are three divisions: tuitions, state appropriations, and town funds. Tuitions from outside towns vary from year to year, but are fortunately at present on the increase. State money is always at the mercy of legislative whims and the effect has already been felt in a decreased income from that source within the past few years. As to town funds the uncertainty lies in the fact that the town of Townshend already has one of the largest per capita tax rates in the state, and even at that is unable to supply the school with additional teachers and equipment which is needed. If from any unforeseen economic stress the lowering of the town tax should become imperative the school would be forced to greatly curtail its usefulness.

In view of such conditions Leland and Gray feels imperatively the need of an increased endowment fund, so that an adequate yearly income may be assured. The school hopes that she may be enabled in the near future to interest men and women in this undertaking who realize that funds contributed to the furtherance of the dissemination of knowledge to youth constitute a memorial in the face of which bronze or marble shafts lose significance.

The Trustees in co-operation with the Alumni Association

have assembled a long list of the addresses of living alumni and alumnae, and hope by articles and booklets such as this to interest them in support of the school. A formal campaign for funds has not yet been opened, but already substantial aid in the installing of a new heating plant has been furnished by descendants of Peter Rawson Taft the first President and by others interested. A list of the gifts for this purpose will be found on page 76. This gives hope that a much wider appeal in such a worthy cause will not go unanswered.

To be specific as to the particular needs of the school at present which demand an increased income there are several. First, the school needs a larger faculty in order that several additional courses which are needed to round out the curriculum may be offered. These courses at present cannot be given because the present teaching staff is already worked to the limit of its time and ability and funds are not available for new teachers.

Secondly, there is the need of more equipment for several courses now offered. Particularly does this apply to the Physics and Chemistry departments. Something toward helping this particular problem has already been started by Mrs. Bessie Bellinger of Townshend who is giving annually a sum of money for the purchasing of permanent equipment for the school. This is a step in the right direction and the Seminary needs more such friends who realize that it is not necessary to wait until death to provide benefits for others.

The third necessity is for a modestly equipped but adequate gymnasium together with sufficient funds to insure an income for its up-keep. There are two reasons especially why the Seminary needs this addition to her equipment. The first is the unquestionably beneficial results, mental as well as physical, to be derived by the whole student body from undergoing regular systematic supervised physical training. Secondly, it is imperative that a way be found to lessen congestion in the present seminary building proper. At present the large hall on the second floor is used for a general study hall during school hours, and for all indoor social and athletic events as well. This necessitates the clearing away of all desks and seats for such affairs, and putting the whole building

in disorder as a result. Not only is it most inconvenient to be forced to go through such a process two or three times a week throughout the school year, but the extent of the wear and tear on the building caused thereby is deplorable. Particularly is this true during the basket ball season, for which sport the building was not intended.

If a good but not costly gymnasium, together with funds sufficient to keep it in repair and running order, could be obtained, the resultant saving in upkeep of the main building would be of the greatest benefit to the school. It should be understood that the Seminary does not request or expect a large and expensive structure, but would be more than satisfied with a building containing the essential features of a gymnasium, and adequately equipped to suit the needs of a small student body.

Many more needs of the institution no less deserving of aid could be mentioned, particularly the need of a dormitory for more accommodations for outside students, but the most pressing ones are those named above. These are not the demands of a rich school already well endowed, but the fundamental necessities of an institution which has hitherto made no wide-spread appeal to her alumni and friends in many years. Leland and Gray Seminary invites the closest scrutiny by all interested in her welfare as to the truth of her claims to a wide field of service in rural southeastern Vermont, and is assured that such inspection by those interested will but substantiate the facts herewith presented.

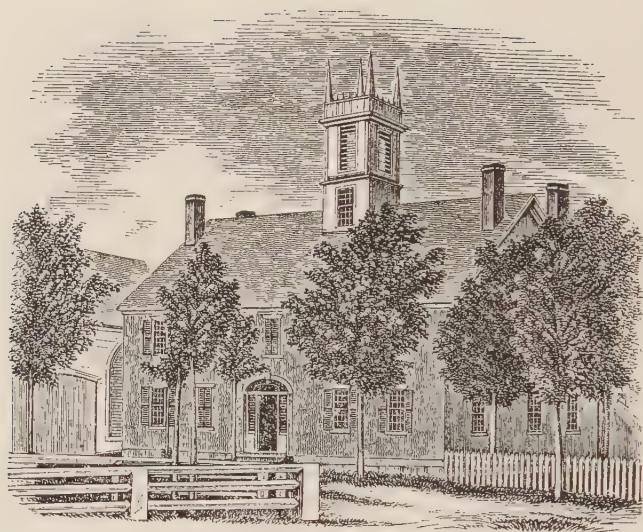
Leland and Gray Seminary is an institution that looks back over almost one hundred years of achievement. She stands today under the shadow of her centennial in a time characterized by a more general desire for education than ever before. She looks forward to a new century of ever increasing service, dependent only upon the rallying of her friends to unlock the portals to the years ahead. She still stands ready to show that Leland and Gray, her alumni, her students and her friends still possess those sterling qualities that enabled a people close akin to the pioneers to see a vision through the years, and at a cost of sacrifice and hardship to found an institution for higher instruction at a time when learning was not the common property of all nor education free.

PART II.



MISCELLANY





THE OLD BRICK SEMINARY  
Built 1834; Burned 1894

## PART II.

### MISCELLANY

#### I

### VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR BUILDING THE SEMINARY IN 1834

(List of original donors, sums pledged and common subscription form)

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, severally promise and agree to pay the sums set to our respective names, to such person or persons as shall be appointed and authorized to receive the same, by the Woodstock Association, in the state of Vermont, of the Baptist denomination, for the sole and only purpose of erecting a suitable building, or buildings, to be used and occupied by a public school, or Academy, to be established under the superintendence and direction of said Association."

"Should the amount subscribed be more than sufficient to purchase a site, erect a suitable building, or buildings, and procure a bell for the same, the overplus shall be set apart and kept as a fund for the benefit of said school, *provided*, if the committee appointed by said Association, to fix the site for said school, shall not locate the same in Towshend, in said state of Vermont, the subscriptions, hereto, shall be utterly void and held for naught."

"January 23d, 1834."

#### NAMES

Chapin Howard,	\$ 250.00	Jonas Twitchell,	\$ 30.00
Epaphro Ransom,	50.00	David Bemis, Jr.	20.00
John Blandin, Jr.,	75.00	Gordon H. Gale,	40.00
James Taggart,	50.00	Thomas Higgins,	15.00
Benjamin Howe, Jr.,	75.00	Wm. Spaulding,	10.00
Samuel Gray,	50.00	John H. Brigham,	15.00
Evans Read,	40.00	E. Cathan,	10.00
E. H. Read,	40.00	Diah Remington,	10.00
Isaac B. Wilson,	50.00	Amasa White,	10.00
Charles Clarke,	15.00	Allen Goodrich,	25.00
Archelaus Bixby,	25.00	Charles Perry,	10.00

Samuel Fessenden,	\$ 5.00	Elijah P. Shattuck,	\$ 5.00
Joab Holland,	25.00	Sheppard Scott,	10.00
Syrl White,	30.00	Oliver Willard,	5.00
William Fisher,	25.00	Luther Boynton,	25.00
Warner Burt,	10.00	Edward White,	10.00
L. Dyer,	10.00	Octavius Wood,	5.00
Pardon Dunton,	10.00	Calvin Barrett,	5.00
Hibbard Taft,	10.00	Ezra Ingalls,	25.00
Jonathan Austin,	5.00	Ezek. Atwood, (in	
Washington Evans,	5.00	line),	10.00
Ezekiel Ransom,	40.00	Ezek. Atwood, (in	
Roland Smith,	15.00	cash),	5.00
William R. Shafter	100.00	Cyrus Carpenter,	5.00
Ira Cutler,	10.00	J. Blandin,	5.00
Ezekiel P. Taft,	30.00	W. R. Ranney,	15.00
Nathan Pierce,	25.00	Linus Owen,	5.00
John T. Sumner,	25.00	Timothy Holden,	5.00
Moses Brigham,	15.00	Capt. Daniel Cobb,	50.00
Oliver Wilkinson, Jr.	10.00	Abial Whitman,	5.00
Curtis Davis,	5.00	Lemuel Farwell,	3.00
L. T. Wheelock,	3.00	John Austin,	3.00
Jacob Fish,	5.00	Jesse Livermore,	3.00
Sewell Wood,	10.00	Luke Holbrook,	5.00
Chester Rand,	12.00	Elijah Allen,	5.00
Thomas J. Holland,	12.00	Willard Doolittle,	2.00
Willard Fisher,	25.00	J. L. Nichols, (in	
George Austin,	5.00	timber),	5.00
Jesse Perry,	5.00	M. Wetherby,	5.00
Asa Austin,	15.00	John Kimball,	15.00
Samuel Wiswell, Jr.,	15.00	Waldo A. Evans,	5.00
Arad Holbrook,	10.00	Orin Simpson,	3.00
Joseph Blodgett,	5.00	Flavel Jenison,	3.00
Jason Morse, Jr.,	5.00	Caleb Wheelock,	5.00
Abial Stoddard,	5.00	Field Wilbur,	6.00
Arvin Dunton,	5.00	Elijah Wilkinson,	3.00
Eben M. Barber,	5.00	Peter R. Taft,	20.00
Benjamin C. Barber,	5.00	Benjamin Dyer,	2.00
Roswell Sherwin,	5.00	Edson Higgins,	10.00
William H. Joy,	25.00	Erasmus Marble,	5.00
Lewis P. Barber,	10.00	Charles Phelps,	20.00
Benjamin R. Barber,	3.00	Harvey Holbrook,	5.00
Duty Marsh,	3.00	Levi Howard,	10.00
Lyman Prouty,	2.00	Gen. Denzil D. Rand,	5.00
Woodruff Scott,	10.00		
Henry Howard,	10.00	Amount,	\$ 1,883.00

## 2.

## ORIGINAL ACT OF INCORPORATION

## OF

## THE LELAND CLASSICAL AND ENGLISH SCHOOL

"AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LELAND CLASSICAL  
AND ENGLISH SCHOOL AT TOWNSHEND.

SECTION I. It is hereby enacted by the general assembly of the State of Vermont, that there be and hereby is constituted and established a school for the instruction of youth in classical and English literature in the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham in this state, and that Peter R. Taft, John Roberts, Richard M. Ely, Erastus Willard, P. B. Fisk, Chapin Howard, Daniel Cobb, William R. Shafter, Sem Pierce, Allen Goodrich, Evans Read, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Mansfield Bruce, Amherst Lamb, Cyrus Carpenter, and Jotham Burnet, and their successors are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate to be known and distinguished by the name of the Leland Classical and English School, and by that name shall have succession and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with, have a common seal and the same alter at pleasure, make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as shall from time to time appear necessary, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of State or of the United States, and may take and hold by grant, gift, purchase or otherwise real, or personal estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars,\* and the same use, improve, manage and appropriate for the benefit of said school and shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in said board of trustees by death, resignation or otherwise of any of the members of said corporation at any meeting thereof duly warned and holden for that purpose.

\*Amended Nov. 1, 1878 by the Legislature so as to increase the sum to fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. It is hereby further enacted that the first meeting of said corporation shall be holden at the dwelling house of James Taggart in said Townshend on the first Monday of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and that a majority of the members of said corporation when met at said meeting, and at all subsequent meetings duly notified shall be a quorum to transact business of said corporation. Provided nevertheless said corporation shall not be dissolved in case said meeting shall not be holden on said first Monday of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, but may be holden at any time thereafter, and the said Peter R. Taft, or in his absence any other member of said corporation shall have power to warn the same by publishing notice to that effect in some newspaper printed in said County of Windham.

SEC. 3. It is hereby further enacted that all the privileges of this act shall be under the control of this or any future legislature so as to alter, amend or repeal the same at pleasure as the public good way require."

Passed October 31, 1834.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE PRESENT BYLAWS OF THE TRUSTEES

"ART. 2. All officers shall be chosen from the Trustees at the annual meeting and shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Collector, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Prudential Committee of three, a Board of Investment of three, of which the Treasurer shall be the Chairman, and such other officers as may be necessary. They shall hold for one year and until others are elected.

Vacancies may be filled at special meetings called for the purpose, in all the offices including that of Trustees. Vacancies may be caused by death, resignation, or by a vote of the Trustees. Trustees shall be elected for a term of five years." . . . .



## 3.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR  
PAINTING ORIGINAL SEMINARY BUILDING

"We, the subscribers, hereby promise to pay to Chapin Howard, Esq., the sums annexed to our names, respectively, for the purpose of defraying the expense of painting the inside wood-work of the Academy recently erected in Townshend.

Capt. Daniel Cobb,	\$1.00	Samuel Gray,	\$ 1.00
John Roberts	1.00	Capt. Taggart,	.50
Chapin Howard	5.00	Isaac B. Wilson	.50
Nelson D. Evans	1.00	Ezra Ingalls	.50
Ward Wilkinson	1.00	J. Blandin, Jr.,	1.00
Amasa White	.50	Ezekiel P. Taft	.50
Chester Rand	.50	David Bemis, Jr.,	.50
Peter Allen	3.00	Edward White	.25
Evans Read	.50	Charles Clarke	.25
Waldo Evans	.25		
Wm. R. Shafter	1.00	Total	\$20.00
Linus Owen	.25		

Townshend, Aug. 17, 1835."

## 4.

LIST OF DONORS TO THE ORIGINAL LELAND AND  
GRAY ENDOWMENT FUND, 1886.

"In order that an endowment fund of ten thousand dollars may be established for Leland and Gray Seminary, I hereby agree to pay to the collector of the trustees of said Seminary——dollars, on or before the first day of——next, as part and parcel of said fund."

Following is a list of the donors and sums pledged:

Mrs. Hannah Howard, Brattleboro.....	\$ 3,000.00
Hon. James Phelps, West Townshend.....	3,000.00
Dea. Jacob Estey, Brattleboro.....	1,000.00
Hon. O. S. Howard, Townshend.....	500.00
Dea. S. D. Winslow 2d, Townshend.....	290.00
Mrs. Addie E. Slack, Reed's Ferry, N. H.....	200.00

Hon. Ira K. Batchelder, Townshend.....	\$ 200.00
Harriet A. Fletcher, Townshend.....	200.00
Dea. Samuel D. Winslow 1st, Townshend.....	200.00
Mrs. H. P. Carpenter, Townshend.....	200.00
Hon. Abishai Stoddard, Westminster.....	100.00
Hugh H. Holbrook, Townshend.....	100.00
Jonas Allen, Townshend.....	100.00
J. B. Ware and Son, Townshend.....	100.00
Bela B. Brigham, Townshend.....	100.00
A. A. Mason, Townshend.....	100.00
Charles Cutler, Townshend.....	100.00
Josiah Taft, West Townshend.....	100.00
Geo. E. Crowell, Brattleboro.....	100.00
Hon. H. H. Wheeler, Brattleboro.....	50.00
Mrs. Joab Holland, Townshend.....	50.00
Dea. C. Q. Stebbins, Townshend.....	50.00
Mrs. H. M. Brooks, Townshend.....	25.00
Sarah M. Holbrook, Townshend.....	25.00
E. L. Hastings, Townshend.....	25.00
Henry D. Holton, M. D., Brattleboro.....	25.00
Hon. B. D. Harris, Brattleboro.....	25.00
M. Davidson, Newfane.....	17.50
C. M. Terrell, M. D., Townshend.....	7.50
C. C. Taft, Townshend.....	5.00
Wm. Ingalls, Townshend.....	5.00

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\$ 10,000.00

Jacob Estey and Son, Brattleboro, one piano valued at \$250.

Following is a complete list of the gifts to the permanent endowment fund of Leland and Gray Seminary since its founding. As has been stated this permanent endowment fund was started when, in 1861, the boarding house was sold for \$1,200.

Proceeds from sale of boarding house, 1861	\$ 1,200.00
Proceeds from Alumni Reunion of 1878	147.10
Subscriptions of 1886 (as above)	10,000.00
Fanie Reed Estate, 1896	500.00
Milen Davidson Estate, 1899	100.00
Fletcher D. Proctor, 1907	25.00
R. C. White, 1908	1,000.00
Charles Cheney, 1908	10.00

Merrill A. Holland Estate, 1910	\$ 500.00
A. L. Fessendon Estate, 1910	250.00
A Friend, 1911	100.00
Harriett A. Fletcher Estate, 1916	10,000.00
Henry D. Holton Estate, 1917	3,000.00
E. L. Hastings Estate, 1920	400.00
F. H. Willard Estate, 1921	531.29
Horace D. Taft, 1926	100.00

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\$ 27,863.39

Apparently one thousand dollars of the above amount was given with the proviso that it might be used for current expenses. Besides this, changing real estate values have altered the exact amount slightly. The total of the endowment fund at present (1927) is \$26,711.29.

### 5.

EXTRACT FROM INDENTURE OF LEASE ENTERED INTO JULY 14, 1919, BETWEEN LELAND AND GRAY SEMINARY, A CORPORATION DULY ESTABLISHED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, AND THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND REPRESENTED BY ITS SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

"To have and to Hold the same" (Seminary buildings and grounds) "with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof belonging for and during such time as said lessee" (Town of Townshend) "shall maintain and operate a Junior Senior High School in the name of Leland and Gray Seminary in and upon or in connection with the said premises in the village of Townshend in said town of Townshend. It is expressly understood and agreed that this indenture may be ended and terminated at the end of any school year at the option of either the lessor or the lessee by giving three months notice in writing of its intention and desire so to do."

".....The lessor" (Leland and Gray Seminary Incorporated) "shall care for and maintain said school

buildings in good and proper repair at all times during the operation of this lease and have full charge of the physical condition of said buildings and shall make any needed improvements or repairs upon the same.

AND WHEREAS the lessor has a fund amounting to approximately \$25,000 in the nature of a permanent endowment for the maintenance of Leland and Gray Seminary, it is further agreed that the lessor "(Leland and Gray Seminary, Inc.)" "shall have full charge of said endowment funds, keep them invested as seems wisest and best and dispose of such income as may accrue from said funds in the following manner: a sum sufficient to pay for adequate insurance, to provide for any legitimate expense and to maintain the property in good condition, shall be reserved by the said lessor from the income from said endowment funds and the balance, except as hereinafter provided for" (relating to a then existing debt) "shall be paid over annually or at specified times by the lessor to the lessee for use in connection with the Junior Senior High School to be used in accordance with the conditions of the various endowments now held by said Leland and Gray Seminary."

## 6.

### ELDER AARON LELAND

The Rev. Aaron Leland for whom the seminary was originally named was in his day one of the most outstanding men in the State of Vermont.

Born in Holliston, Mass., May 28, 1761, he came to Chester, Vt. in the early summer of 1787. There Elder Leland, then a young man of twenty-six, established a Baptist Church in a community of only twenty years standing. Working ceaselessly, he labored to such good that he soon became one of the most outstanding preachers of his day. Almost like a patriarchal leader of old, Elder Leland traveled all over south-eastern Vermont organizing churches, visiting the sick, ordaining new ministers, presiding at church conferences, etc. In the Woodstock Baptist

Association he was an acknowledged leader, and upon the organization of the Baptist State Convention (though he originally opposed the new society) he became prominent in its councils.

He died at Chester, August 25, 1832, and was buried there after a life long pastorate of forty-six years. The close of his ministry was marked by a revival of large proportions. Shortly before his death the Rev. Leland, realizing that his long pastorate was about to close, came for the last time to his church, and standing by a front pew delivered what he knew was his last address to his people. His wife, knowing how feeble he was, attempted to stop him. He turned to her and said loudly enough to be heard by all, "Woman, what does it matter about this body? I must give my dying message to this people whom I have so long loved." He then resumed his appeal as if nothing had happened. Says his biographer, "There are few more touching incidents in church history than that final address of Elder Leland to his beloved and long served people."

But religious service was only one side of Elder Leland's active life. A mere summary of his civil offices is all that can be given, but that may serve to show the extent of his interests, and the confidence that men placed in him.

In Chester, he served ten years as selectman, twenty-six years as Town Clerk, twenty years as Town Treasurer. He was Justice of the Peace and a Judge of Windsor County Court. Nine years he represented Chester in the General Assembly; three of those years he was Speaker of the House. Four years he was on the Governor's Council. Five years he was Lieutenant Governor of the State. In 1828 he was nominated for Governor but declined the honor that he might devote his energies to his ministry.

In addition to all this, he was very prominent in Masonic circles, establishing a lodge at Chester. He was Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont 1802-1804. Later as a district Deputy he had all the lodges in Windsor County in his charge. In 1813, he was chaplain of the 2nd Reg. Vt. Militia. He was an incorporator of Middlebury College, and for the remainder of his life a member of its Board of Fellows. Though never himself attending college, he received an honorary M.



A. from Middlebury, and the same honorary degree from Brown University in 1815.

So great, in fact, was Elder Leland's prominence in State affairs that in 1824-25 he was accused in a church council of thirsting for the honors, offices, and emoluments of this world. He was tried by the council on thirteen charges, but was substantially acquitted. However, after this he devoted himself almost entirely to his ministry.

In appearance, Elder Leland was a very portly and robust man, full of energy, and with a deep voice of wonderful compass and volume, yet smooth, flexible and musical. He had a penchant for humor and was fond of hunting.

A biographical sketch "Elder Aaron Leland" was published by the Rev. Henry Crocker of Chester in 1906, and is the source for this article.

To name the Seminary in honor of Elder Leland was well said at the time to be "a fitting tribute to the memory of one, who had stood high in the councils of his own denomination, and had filled a large place in the hearts of his people."

## 7.

## \*PETER RAWSON TAFT

Peter Rawson Taft, whose name heads the list of Leland and Gray corporators, and who was the first president of the new school was born in Uxbridge, Mass., in 1785.

When young Peter was fourteen years old his father Aaron Taft removed to a hill farm in West Townshend on what is now known as Taft Hill. The journey from Uxbridge was made in March, 1799, and Peter traveled the entire distance to his new home afoot, leading the family cow. It is related that when the Tafts reached West Townshend village the snow was found to be so deep in the woods that it took nineteen yoke of oxen to draw their household effects from the village to their hill farm.

\*Taken almost verbatim from Phelps' History of Townshend Vol. 2.

During his early years Peter attended the district school and helped his parents on the farm. His education, however, was well superintended by his father who was a college graduate. A fondness for mathematics resulted in the young man becoming a land surveyor, and receiving the appointment of County surveyor. As a result of this latter office he was often in attendance at County Court and there he occupied his time in picking up much legal knowledge which later as a magistrate he was often called upon to apply. While pursuing his studies he devoted much time to reading—a habit which grew with advanced years. Later in life he was indeed a great reader.

In early manhood he taught school, and later filled many town offices. In 1830 he was chosen Judge of Probate for the District of Westminster.

As a private citizen he was esteemed for his general information, his readiness to do a favor, and for his social and genial qualities. His interest in projects for public welfare was always great, as shown by his active part in the establishment of the seminary. When twenty-five years old he married Sylvia Howard of Townshend who died in 1866. They had one child, Hon. Alphonso Taft, who became prominent in the diplomatic service. In 1841, Mr. Taft removed to Cincinnati O., where his son was established in the legal profession, and there he died, January 1, 1867. Among his grandchildren are: Mr. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati O.; Hon. William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., Mr. Horace Taft, Head of Taft School Watertown Conn; Mr. Henry Taft, a prominent lawyer of New York City.

## 8.

## EZEKIEL RANSOM

Major Ezekiel Ransom to whom Leland and Gray Seminary owes its establishment in Townshend was born probably at Colchester, Conn., October 1, 1763. About the time of his birth, however, his father, Newton Ransom, removed to Shelburne Falls,

Mass. "Here Ezekiel spent his boyhood days helping on the farm and going to school when possible.

When the Revolutionary war began he with five of his brothers served from Massachusetts, while another brother served from Connecticut. Ezekiel enlisted first, when but 14 years old, with the Vermont militia. His company was commanded by Capt. Samuel Fletcher, who later became his father-in-law. Young Ezekiel was in the expedition against Crown Point and at the battles of Bennington and Saratoga, also at the surrender of Burgoyne. He then returned to his home at Shelburne Falls, but soon enlisted in Massachusetts troops. At one time he was on the non-commissioned staff of Gen. George Washington. He was present at the execution of Major Andre, the spy.

At the close of the war Major Ransom returned to his home, where he lived until about 1790, when he went to Newfane, Vt. We find him holding the office of moderator at the March meetings from 1791 to 1793. He also served as lister in 1790. He married, May 21, 1791, Lucinda Fletcher, daughter of Col. Samuel Fletcher, of Townshend. Before 1797, Major Ransom moved from Newfane to West Townshend, where he bought a farm. Besides caring for his farm, he engaged in the making of boots and shoes, also harness and saddles. He hired journeymen to do most of this work. He was also a tanner and currier. In 1811, he exchanged farms with his father-in-law, and gave up all of his other business. He was an influential man and often served in town offices. In 1808, 1812 and 1813 he served as representative to the General Assembly.

While he had but a common school education, he was deeply interested in educational matters. He was one of the staunch supporters of the select school which was held in the west village from 1826 to 1833. Three of his children were graduates of this school in 1828. He was a strong temperance man and ably supported the Temperance society and also the village society which erected the meeting house. He was a devoted member of the Baptist Church and Sunday school. Major Ransom was one of the original members of Central Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons. The west village lost one of its most worthy and re-

spected members when he moved to the east village, where he lived until 1835, when he went to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Although 72 years of age when he went to his new home, his interest in education had not diminished. He, with his son-in-law, Rev. Jerimiah Hall, a noted Baptist minister, and others were instrumental in founding the Michigan and Huron Literary Institute, which later became Kalamazoo college.

Major Ransom's family consisted of 12 children, six sons and six daughters. They all lived to maturity and all, with the exception of the youngest son, who died in early manhood, married into well-known families of Townshend and near-by towns. One of his sons became governor of Michigan, also chief justice of the supreme court. Major Ransom was tall and muscular and of great strength and activity. He had dark hair and eyes and was of a commanding appearance and to his last days showed in his ways the effect of his military training. He was very dignified in his conversation, but was liberal and charitable in his relations with his fellow citizens. He died Nov. 2, 1838, aged 75 years."

The source of this article is from a newspaper sketch appearing in the Brattleboro, Vt. papers in 1925 which has since been verified by a descendant of Major Ransom now living in Michigan.

9.

\*CLAUDIUS BUCHANAN SMITH

CLAUDIUS B. SMITH A. M., by far the best remembered and most popular of all the early principals of Leland and Gray, was born in Lanesboro Mass., May 19, 1818, the son of Otis and Abilene (Stearns) Smith. When seventeen years old he moved to Vermont and attended Brandon Academy at Brandon. From Brandon he went to Middlebury College, graduating from that institution in 1845 and receiving his A. M. there in 1848.

Upon the completion of his collegiate course Mr. Smith en-

\*Information obtained partly from the records of Middlebury College Alumni Office, and partly from Washington newspaper clippings furnished by Principal Smith's daughter.

tered the teaching profession. His first position was in the grammar school at North Providence, R. I. Then from 1846 to 1852 he was principal of Black River Academy at Ludlow. From Ludlow he came to Leland and Gray at the beginning of the winter term of 1851-52 where he remained until 1859. After leaving Townshend, Principal Smith returned to his Alma Mater at Brandon and was head of the academy there from 1859 to 1864.

During Principal Smith's residence in Townshend, he was ordained to the ministry and held the pulpit at Brookline, Vermont, from 1855 to 1859.

Early in the Civil war Principal Smith enlisted as Chaplain of the 2nd Vt. Reg. At the time of his death he was connected with John A. Logan Post, No. 13 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1864, he went to Washington, D. C. and there obtained a position in the Second Auditors' Office which position he held the rest of his life.

Principal Smith took a very active interest in fraternal societies, being prominently connected with Freemasonry. He received the Masonic Degrees in Blazing Star Lodge of Townsend, the chapter degrees in Farmers' Chapter No. 74 in 1854, and the Council degrees in 1859 at Brandon. He was knighted in Mount Cavalry Commandry No. 1 of Middlebury in 1863. He held the past honors of Farmers' Chapter, and on moving to Washington, he affiliated with Anacostia Lodge No. 21 over which he presided as Worshipful Master for three years. He was also a member of Washington Naval Chapter No. 6 and Mithras Lodge of Perfection. He was Reverend and Worshipful Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Smith died August 18, 1904, at Anacostia, D. C., being at that time the oldest citizen of the place. His funeral was conducted by the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District of Columbia and interment was at Arlington.

Principal Smith married Miss Melvina R. Waller, May 27, 1847. They had two children, Carroll W. and Mina J. The latter is now Mrs. Mina J. Little of Washington, D. C.

Principal Smith was long remembered by citizens of Townshend as a very outstanding individual. His picture now hanging



in the Seminary building shows a man of forceful personality, and of physical and intellectual power, one calculated to inspire respect and confidence in his pupils. Under Principal Smith the prosperity of Leland and Gray reached its culmination just before the Civil War, and it was not until the time of Principals Davidson and Boynton that it regained anything like the prestige it had enjoyed under his supervision.

## 10.

## \*MILON DAVIDSON

Milon Davidson, the historian of Leland and Gray, who first as principal, then as trustee and treasurer, served the school for almost thirty years was born in Unity, N. H., Nov. 28, 1834, the oldest child of Alvan and Anna Howe Davidson.

Mr. Davidson's childhood and youth was spent in Acworth, N. H., where he worked on his father's farm and attended the district school during the winter terms. Later while in his teens he attended Kimball Union Academy and finally fitted for college at New London, N. H. Entering Dartmouth College at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Davidson worked hard to obtain his education. He taught school during the winter months but still continued his studies. He graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1862 and was awarded membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity. As was said at the time of his death: "Few young men have worked harder to gain an education or practiced self denial more determinedly than Mr. Davidson."

Following his graduation from Dartmouth Mr. Davidson taught in Bath, N. H., then in Worcester and Richmond, Vt. While at Richmond he met Miss Gratia E. Andrews, a teacher. They were married November 28, 1864. After the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson taught at Northfield and Franklin, Vt. From 1866-1870 Mr. Davidson was in charge of the academy at Heniker, N. H., and from 1870-1874 he and Mrs. Davidson were the principal and preceptress respectively at Leland and Gray.

\*Taken for the most part from the Vermont Phoenix of Aug. 27, 1897.

While teaching, Mr. Davidson was reading law, doing so at Townshend under Hon. Abishai Stoddard, who was at that time Judge of Probate Court for the district of Westminster and also President of Leland and Gray. In 1872, Mr. Davidson was admitted to the bar. At first he expected to set up in the legal practice in a neighboring town, but the officers of the Windham County Savings Bank at Newfane offered him the treasurership of that institution with the understanding that he was to have full charge of the law and office work. Mr. Davidson accepted in 1874 and it was with the institution at Newfane that he was connected for the remainder of his life. In this new capacity Mr. Davidson commanded the fullest confidence and respect of his associates and was often called upon to act in a fiduciary capacity.

It was as the first historian of Leland and Gray that Mr. Davidson rendered his greatest service to the school. In 1886-87, when the trustees reorganized after the period of decline, Mr. Davidson was authorized to collect data for and to publish a historical sketch of the Seminary. This was done, and in 1888 the history appeared. At the same time Mr. Davidson gathered and had bound a file of the Seminary's catalogues so far as issued to that date. The importance of this work of Mr. Davidson can not be over emphasized, for in the fire of 1894 almost all other records of the first fifty years of the school's history were destroyed. Were it not for the bound volume of the catalogue there would now be no record of the students attending before 1881, and were it not for his historical sketch the present history could be in no sense complete.

Mr. Davidson was a member of the Baptist Church, a trustee and Treasurer of Leland and Gray, a director of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at Montpelier, Superintendent of Newfane schools and always prominent in any enterprize for community welfare. In politics he was at one time a Democrat but later became an ardent Prohibitionist, being a delegate to the national convention of that party in 1888.

On June 22, 1897, Mr. Davidson left on a business trip to the west in the interests of the bank. He was taken ill at Alexandria Minn., and died there suddenly, August 23, 1897.

Of him his contemporaries have said in effect "he was a man of whom sincerity, faithfulness and integrity were innate personal qualities, and although he was not in accord with his neighbors in political questions he leaves behind the heritage of a kindly memory."

## II.

## \*C. C. BOYNTON

Cyrus Clark Boynton was born at Waitsfield, Vt., August 16, 1843, but later the family removed to Weathersfield, and he grew up on the farm which had belonged to his maternal grandfather, which lay partly in Weathersfield and partly in Springfield. He attended Springfield Wesleyan Seminary, and finished his preparation for college at New Hampton Institution, Fairfax, Vt. He taught district schools four winters, beginning at sixteen years of age, and was successful in gaining the respect and affection of his pupils.

In 1863, he entered Middlebury College. During his freshman year he won the highest prizes offered in declamation and in all-around scholarship. Starr Hall, the dormitory in which he roomed, was burned during his sophomore year, and as a result he went to Amherst College, where he was soon joined by several of his classmates. A year later, feeling that his father needed his help, he left college for the farm; but the impressions made on his life by his classmates, teachers, and studies were indelible, and so highly prized that in later years, at whatever sacrifice on his own part, he saw to it that every one of his five children had their full chance at a higher education.

On January 8, 1867, he married Gratia M. Pingry, of Perkinsville, Vt. In 1868, Mr. Boynton started an insurance business in Springfield, adding to it a drug store and sewing machine agency. The latter led to his receiving a promising position in a Boston office in 1874. The unexpectedly prolonged business depression that followed the panic of 1873 upset his plans and cost him his position.

\*By Mrs. G. M. P. Boynton of Los Angeles, Calif.

Just at this time, the trustees of Leland and Gray Seminary were looking for a man to resuscitate the school, which had apparently expired nearly a year before. The pastor of the Baptist Church at Townshend was Rev. Cyprian P. Frenyear, a classmate of Mr. Boynton's at Fairfax. He believed that Mr. Boynton was the man they needed, and so thoroughly did he convince the trustees of this that they called Mr. Boynton to the principalship of Leland and Gray, guaranteeing him twenty-five pupils, whose tuition fees would at least enable him to exist through the first term.

That first term was a strenuous one. The days were crowded full with classes ranging from Common English to Latin and Greek. The evenings nearly always found him strolling with his characteristic long, slow stride, (for he was of tall, slender build), around the village! to see that students were in their own rooms studying and not up to any mischief. Teaching he always enjoyed, but police work was very distasteful and wearing to his nerves. His pupils remember how his bright blue eyes, deep set under shaggy overhanging brows, lighted up with the zest of intellectual interests, beamed with approval when he could bestow sincere praise, and grew stern when he must needs reprove. Whatever he did, he did heartily.

In the fall term, there were forty or more pupils, and Mrs. Boynton taught, also. The school continued to gain in numbers, in spite of the tuition fees being nearly doubled and of the opening of Vermont Academy at Saxton's River with more teachers and better equipment than Leland and Gray could afford. In fact under Principal Boynton, Leland and Gray enjoyed a period of prosperity similar to that of the 1850's, under Principal C. B. Smith.

In 1883, Mr. Boynton left Townshend, and was for four years Superintendent of Schools and Principal of the High School at Lebanon, N. H. After Mr. Boynton left Townshend the school was closed for nearly a year, and there ensued a long period of confusion and trouble. The impress he left on his pupils, both in Townshend and in Lebanon, may be judged by the following

extract from a letter written to his daughter in the spring of 1923 by the valedictorian of the class of 1887 at Lebanon.

"At a meeting of our State Teachers' Association, I had to speak on the greatest help I have ever received in English from any of my English teachers. I told them that the greatest help I ever received, and in every way, came, not from a teacher of English, but from the principal of the High School, who taught me nominally Latin and Geometry, but actually also English, Penmanship, Ethics, and Americanism, among other things."

In 1887, Mr. Boynton moved to Pasadena, California, where for a year he was in the real estate business. Then, the "boom" having collapsed, he started the Boynton Teachers' Agency, and, after moving to Los Angeles in 1889, the Boynton Normal, which prepared teachers for County examinations. Both of these he continued till 1910, when his son, E. C. Boynton, succeeded him. In the mean time he had become connected with both the Provident and the Fidelity Savings and Loan Associations, serving as President till within a few months of his death, which occurred August 19, 1923, at his residence, 836 So. Bonnie Brae St., Los Angeles, Cal., where he had lived since 1894, and where his widow still resides.

In Lebanon and in Pasadena he directed the choir in the Baptist Church. In Pasadena, he was also a deacon. In the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, and later in the Temple Baptist Church of the same city, he served many years as deacon and as chairman of Building, Pulpit and Music Committees. He was also a director in the Temple Auditorium Co., owners of the building in which Temple Church is housed.

Among his outstanding characteristics were integrity, sincerity, hatred of sham, loyalty, courage, optimism, progressiveness, even-handed justice, and sound judgment.



## 12.

ACCOUNT OF THE GENERAL ALUMNI REUNION HELD  
AT LELAND AND GRAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 20 and 21, 1878.

(From Leland and Gray Advocate Vol. 1. No. 2, Nov. 1878.)

The first general reunion of teachers and students of this Seminary was held at Townshend, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20 and 21. The exercises of Tuesday morning were held in the Baptist Church, which was filled with the Alumni and friends of the institution. Rev. W. H. Rugg of Perkinsville, a former principal, offered prayer. After an address of welcome by Hon. A. Stoddard, president of the board of trustees, the Alumni organized by the choice of Wilder L. Burnap, Esq., of Burlington as president; Ranney Howard, Esq., of Factory Point, vice-president; E. L. Waterman of Jamaica, secretary. Rev. C. B. Smith, A. M., of Washington, D. C., principal from 1851-1859, delivered an address upon the general subject of education with special reference to the influence which had been exerted by the educators, educational systems and institutions of Vermont. Milon Davidson, Esq. of Fayetteville, principal for eleven terms, '70 to '74 read a poem.

A little after noon the trustees, teachers, students and others, headed by the Londonderry cornet band, which furnished music for both days, proceeded to the beautiful park to partake of a bountiful dinner, furnished by Mr. Coombs of the West River House. After dinner came social greetings, followed by addresses and reminiscences from the following gentlemen, viz: Rev. Mark Carpenter, of Townshend; Professor Noah Cressy, Ph.D., of Amherst, Mass., and Professor of Veterinary Science in the University of Vermont; Park Davis, Esq., of St. Albans; Capt. S. E. Howard of Brattleboro; Rev. W. H. Rugg of Perkinsville; Orange Ingram, Esq., of Troy N. Y.; Rev. Mr. Porter, pastor of the Congregational Church, Townshend; Ranney Howard, Esq., of Factory Point; E. L. Waterman, Esq. of Jamaica; W. H. H. Holton

of Jamaica; Henry L. Bacon, Esq., of Putney, and Rev. T. M. Butler of Townshend. All these, except Messrs. Carpenter, Cressy, Porter and Butler, were of the Alumni. In the evening the exercises were in the church. Rev. H. Burchard of Brattleboro, who was principal from 1862 to 1864, delivered an address on "The Seven Wise Men of Greece." Col. A. B. Franklin of Newfane sang the "Sword of Bunker Hill."

Wednesday morning at 9:30 the Academy Hall was filled to overflowing by those who came to attend the exercises conducted by Mr. Smith. He read Prov. 4 with appropriate comments, and offered prayer. There sat on the platform with Mr. Smith, besides the present principal, C. C. Boynton, former principals and teachers, namely, Rev. H. Burchard, E. W. Stoddard, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Rugg, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Colburn. After chapel exercises, speeches were made by Mr. Stoddard and Gen. George F. Davis of Cavendish, and a letter read from Amos W. Hart, Esq., Washington, D. C.

At this point the crowded state of the chapel rendered an adjournment to the church necessary, which was soon filled. Before leaving the chapel, Mr. Smith said, "Let us sing 'By and By' while I bid 'good-by' to this dear old room which I shall probably never see again." This was sung with great feeling and effect.

At the church, letters were read from Prof. Moses Lyford of Colby University; Mr. Horace Goodhue, Jr., Northfield Minn.; C. W. Hall, assistant State geologist, Minnesota; Rev. W. W. Whitcomb, Hastings, Minn.; C. H. Chapman, Esq., Proctorsville, and W. H. Smith, Esq., Chicago.

The morning's entertainment closed with the graduating exercises of the Seminary in the following order:

Recitation—Mary E. Bliss, Wardsboro.

Oration—"The Anabasis of Xenophon," Adorno A. Whitman, Jamaica.

Select Reading—Miss Etta F. Morse, Newfane.

Recitation—Hattie A. Brown, Leavenworth, Kan.

Oration—"Self Relying Perseverance," William Albert Buxton, Londonderry.

Remarks to Graduates by the Principal, C. C. Boynton.

In the afternoon the visitors scattered here and there, some to their homes, some to make calls on friends and others on excursions down the river or up the mountains. In the evening a reception was held at Judge Stoddards, which was very fully attended, and was a very fitting close to the enjoyment of the two days. . . .

. . . Much praise is due Principal Boynton, to the Trustees of the school and citizens of Townshend for their efforts to make the reunion a success, and they have reason to be gratified at the result of their efforts. The weather of both days was delightful, and attendance was large. Between six and seven hundred gained admission to the exercises in the church, and about one thousand were present at the after dinner exercises in the park.

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Excerpts from the speeches delivered during the two day reunion are printed in the same issue of the Advocate that the above is taken from. Along with these are printed letters received from Alumni in distant parts of the country, and impressions of visitors at the reunion.

It was on the afternoon of the second day that the round hill in the center of the valley, sometimes called Taft's Hill, was christened Alumni Mountain.

### 13.

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

An attempt seems to have been made in 1878 to establish an Alumni Association as can be seen by the account of the Alumni reunion of that year given on page 12, but that early organization apparently soon ceased to exist, and no records of it are in the Seminary's possession. The present Leland and Gray Alumni Association was organized July 4, 1899, by former students of the school. Dr. Elbert A. Landman, '95, now of Plaistow, N. H., was the first president.

The primary motive in founding the Association was to insure Alumni aid to the school, and during the past twenty-odd years the organization has often contributed to the upkeep of the in-

stitution. Particularly helpful was the Association when the question was raised as to the advisability of allowing basket-ball in the building. At that time the Alumni Association placed steel ceilings throughout the lower floor, and thus did away with the greatest source of damage and complaint. At other times the Association has bought equipment for the school, and has financed the painting of the building. Each year the Association offers a Commencement prize for the highest standing in Algebra.

Every effort is now being made to find and preserve all data possible concerning the early history of the school. Two years ago the Association with the assistance of President Powers of the Trustees published the historical articles which form the basis of this history. Copies of the same were sent to former students whose whereabouts were known and whom it was thought the articles would not otherwise reach. In 1926, the Association published a souvenir booklet of the Seminary and sent the same to about nine hundred of the living alumni. This present history is financed in part by the Association. Also during the past three years every effort has been made by the Association to gather information concerning Alumni, and a sizable card catalogue of addresses has been compiled. The list of dead is being gathered with equal care.

The annual Alumni luncheon is held each year on the noon of Commencement day, and is, as its name implies, a get-together affair of former members of the school.

As the Seminary's history has been so varied, and as records are in many cases incomplete, or have been altogether destroyed, membership in the Association is not limited to holders of diplomas, but is open to all who have attended the school a sufficient length of time to gain an interest in and for the institution, and who desire to aid her in her work. The dues are one dollar per year.

The present officers of the Association are: President, Howard Cutler, '23; Vice-President, Frederick Butler ex '18; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. L. J. Parker.

**Leland and Gray in the World War***"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.—HORACE.*

## HONOR ROLL

1917-1918

Adams, Clyde

\*Adams Hugh

Barry, Guy

Batchelder, Lyle

Benson, Herbert

Bickford, Francis

Bristol, Abner

Brown, Guy

Bruce, Leon

Butler, A. Prentiss

Butler, Donald

Cobb, Raymond

Corser, Linwood

Culver, Edwin

Cutler, Arthur

Dale, John

Franklin, Harold

Flynn, James

Goodrich, James H.

Grout, Paul

Hakey, Lawrence

Harding, Herbert

Haskell, Harold

Howard, Levi

Kidder, Addison

Knight, David

\*Died in service.

Lewis, Clarence K.

Marks, John

Marsh, Hayden

McHale, Reginald

Newell, Ross

Ockels, Theodore

Perry, Merton

Phillips, Hugh

Phillips, Raymond

Pierce, Clarence

Randall, Merle

Redfield, Ernest

Robie, Theodore

Russell, Waldron

Sargent, Eric

Shepardson, Warner

Snow, Joe

Sparks, Merrill

Starr, Raymond

Stevens, Leon

Theg, Albert

Vincent, Claude

Watson, Raymond

Wright, Hermon

†Wright, Raymond

Williams, Harold

†Killed in action.



## IN OTHER WARS

Lack of accurate records makes it impossible to publish a list of the sons of Leland and Gray who served their flag in other wars, but the school here pays tribute to their memory—Mexican, Civil, and Spanish War veterans alike.

## 15.

## UNDERGRADUATE LIFE

The events which constitute the undergraduate life of a school, and which are so fondly remembered afterwards, are, by their very nature, the hardest to preserve in recorded form. Of the pranks, friendships and varied social activities of each school generation but little can be written, but some remnants of the activities of bygone days are still preserved.

The oldest Leland and Gray record of this nature now known to be in existence is a single program of the "Exercises of Exhibition" held Wednesday, May 18, 1836. The entire program was termed an "Ode on Science" and consisted of twenty-seven different numbers beginning with a Latin oration, and including speeches and short plays. This exhibition corresponded to the modern Graduation Exercises, and was, of course, the first ever to be held at the Seminary, being at the close of the first academic year. The valedictorian of the occasion was C. M. Willard.

Within a few years of the founding of the school, a semi-monthly literary magazine "The Acorn" appeared under the editorship of the Literary Society. The contents of each issue was apparently made up of original compositions which had been delivered for the most part by their authors in the compulsory fort-nightly lyceums. At present the Alumni Association possesses only three copies of the paper: Vol. 2 No. 2, which apparently appeared in January, 1843, and Vol. 6 No. 3 and 4 which appeared in the last half of October and first half of November, 1844. The numbers were entirely handwritten and give some valuable glimpses of the school life of that day. In the issue of

January, 1843, there are many references, including a comic poem, concerning a sleighride to Dummerston held under difficulties by students of the Seminary, January 2, 1843. The issues of 1844 show the influence of the politics of the day, each bearing on its front page a picture of Henry Clay with the motto beneath

“Speed on the cause—let nothing stay  
The onward course of Henry Clay.”

No one knows how long “The Acorn” continued to exist nor of the whereabouts of any other copies. Anyone finding any are asked to preserve them carefully and notify Howard Cutler, Townshend, Vt.

In the catalogues of the fifties are found copies of the Exhibition programs of those years, in nature much like the one for 1836 mentioned above. Other than these, there are few records extant of that early school life. Of the many school boy pranks of that day, the most outstanding whose story has come down to us is the placing of a calf in the bell tower of the old Academy building. Also the story is still told of how a certain farmer got revenge on the Seminary boys for stealing his watermelons by putting epicac in the remainder before the students second visit.

In the principalship of C. C. Boynton a new Seminary paper, the “Leland and Gray Advocate” was issued. This magazine, as it said in its opening editorial, was founded to “advocate the interests of Leland and Gray,” and unlike “The Acorn” of earlier years, seems to have been edited largely by the principal. It was a carefully prepared and well written paper, filled with educational notes from all parts of the country as well as with Leland and Gray historical material. The first issue was in July, 1878, and was evidently printed to start interest in the establishment of an endowment fund. The attempt at that time proved abortive. Other copies of the paper now possessed by the Alumni Association are Vol. 1, No. 2 and Vol. 2, No. 1 and 2. How long the paper continued to exist is unknown. It was issued tri-annually and had a circulation of 1,000 copies. Anyone possessing other copies of the paper are asked to notify Howard Cutler, Townshend, Vt., as the Association is very desirous of obtaining a complete file of

the "Advocate." Probably the most interesting single item in the copies of the Advocate now on file is that concerning the Alumni reunion of 1878 which is quoted in full elsewhere.

Almost no school records have been preserved from the eighties, but exhibitions, socials, etc., were popular features of the time. There is, however, on file a program of the Graduation Exercises held Friday evening, May 18, 1888. In that year there were three graduates. A year or two before one person had graduated. As far as is known these were the only graduations held from the close of Principal Boynton's principalship to the year 1894.

In 1889, with Principal David G. Smyth, interest in athletics was aroused. On October 18, 1889, the Young Men's Athletic Association of the Seminary was formed. The officers for the first year were: President, E. Styles; Vice-President, F. A. Jaquith; Secretary, E. H. Boynton; Treasurer, C. H. Evans. The records of this early association are still preserved, and include the results of field days from 1897-1901. On January 29, 1898, the first record of a basketball game at the Seminary appears on record. The game was between the Leland and Gray A. A. and So. Londonderry, and was called at 3:30 P. M. The line up was as follows:

L. and G.		So. Londonderry
C. C. Robinson	rg	Pierce
C. L. Aldrich	lg	Brown
H. Cudworth	c	Lackey
L. W. VanSchaick	rf	Clayton
W. E. Blood	lf	— — —

First half, goals from field: Blood 2, Van S. 3, So. Londonderry

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Second half, goals from field: Blood 1; So. Londonderry 1.

No score from fouls. Score 12-6.

With the year 1894 graduation was resumed under Principal Aubrey B. Call, and gradually there developed, particularly under the Edgcombs, the five day graduation period that has for many years been a custom at the Seminary.

In 1902, the "L. G. S. Messenger," the present school paper, was established. This publication is issued three times a year, by the students, and is in nature and scope similar to most High School and Preparatory School papers. "The Messenger" has appeared regularly since its founding except during the year 1921-22. A complete file is preserved and consequently a very complete record of the athletic and social life of the school during the past twenty-odd years is at hand. It is impossible to list even the more outstanding events that have been held at various times during that period. Some of these have been Junior Oratoricals, Class banquets and sleighrides, successful athletic seasons, prize speaking contests, recitals, socials, dances, etc. Perhaps in the Dramatic Department the outstanding points can be enumerated most easily. Among many successful productions there have been: (1) A presentation of portions of "The Merchant of Venice" by the elocution class in 1902; (2) "The Rivals" of Richard Brindsley Sheridan in 1906; (3) "She Stoops to Conquer" by Goldsmith in 1926; (4) A revival of "The Rivals" in April of this year, 1927.

In 1922, under Principal Wright the annual "Sub-Freshman Day" was instituted. This is an event of the spring term when teachers and advanced pupils of surrounding graded schools are the guests of the Seminary students for a day and evening. The morning is devoted to regular class room work with the visitors as observers. Luncheon is on the basket plan. Sports and games take up the afternoon. Supper is served by the Home Economics Department and in the evening there is an entertainment.

During the past year a great deal of interest in debating has developed, and under the instruction of Miss Dorothy Parker, teacher of English, a very fine inter-scholastic debating team was organized which has had a successful season and promises well for next year.

The school term is now filled with activities of many kinds which serve to develop leadership, co-operation and initiative among the students and thus contribute as necessary a part to education as do the studies themselves.

## COPY OF EXHIBITION PROGRAM IN 1836

**TOWNSHEND ACADEMY.****EXERCISES OF EXHIBITION.***Wednesday May 18, 1836.***Ode on Science.****PRAYER.****Music.****SELECTED**

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| 1. Latin Oration,            | R. WALKER.       |
| 2. Logan's Speech,           | S. M. LOVERING.  |
| 3. The Countryman's Mistake, | H. EVANS.        |
| 4. Extract from Hyperion,    | H. W. CHENEY.    |
| 5. Speech of Otis,           | G. S. GOODRIDGE. |
| 6. Extract from Pitt,        | THOMAS EVANS.    |
| 7. Evils of Mobocracy,       | L. P. RAND.      |

**Music.**

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| 8. Sacred Eclogue,       | J. N. SMITH. |
| 9. Scene from Tamerlane. |              |

**CHARACTERS.**

TAMERLANE,	R. WALKER.
BAJAZET,	K. HOWARD.
OMAR,	H. D. RANNEY.

**Music.**

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| 10. Wirt's Speech,            | H. KELLOGG.  |
| 11. Polish War Song,          | J. S. BLACK. |
| 12. Earl of Chatham's Speech, | L. RANNEY.   |

**Music.**

13. Michigan Justice.

**CHARACTERS.**

Judge QUID,	E. M. STEBBINS.
Lawyer ELLERY,	R. WALKER.
SPROUT—Deafman,	K. HOWARD.
BALFLOWER,	J. S. BLACK.
Combatants {	A. R. BLANDIN.
	H. D. RANNEY.

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| 14. Speech of Plunket, | J. HYDE.        |
| 15. G. Smith's Speech, | E. M. STEBBINS. |

**Music.**

16. Greek Dialogue.

**CHARACTERS.**

JUPITER,	K. HOWARD.
HERCULES,	H. D. RANNEY.
ESCULAPIUS,	S. S. BAILEY.

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| 17. Speech of Grundy,  | F. DEXTER.   |
| 18. Alexander's Feast, | S. S. BAILEY |
| 19. Spencer's Address, | H. D. RANNEY |

**Music.**

20. Anti-Temperance Dialogue.

**CHARACTERS.**

SWIG,	S. S. BAILEY.
GUZZLE,	F. DEXTER.
TOM RUTTLE,	K. HOWARD.
SAMUEL,	J. HYDE.
Esg. TRUMAN,	E. M. STEBBINS.
TIM SCREW,	L. RANNEY.

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| 21. Extract from R. Hall,  | J. S. BLACK. |
| 22. Rev. C. Wolf's Speech. | K. HOWARD.   |

**Music.**

23. Tragedy.

**DRAMATIS PERSONAE.**

JAFFIER,	A. R. BLANDIN.
PIERRE,	H. D. RANNEY.
PRIULI,	K. HOWARD.
DUKE OF VENICE,	E. M. STEBBINS.
BEDAMAN,	F. DEXTER.
RENAULT,	S. S. BAILEY.
SPINOSA,	L. RANNEY.
ELIOT,	J. ROBERTS.
THEODORE,	J. S. BLACK.
Capt. of GUARDS,	J. HYDE.
BELVIDERA,	MISS

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| 24. My Bottle,                     | E. GALE.    |
| 25. Benton's Expunging Resolution, | J. ROBERTS. |

**Music.****ORIGINAL**

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| 26. Forensic.                         |                |
| Appropriation of the Surplus Revenue, |                |
|                                       | A. R. BLANDIN, |
|                                       | S. S. BAILEY,  |
|                                       | H. D. RANNEY.  |
|                                       | R. WALKER,     |

27. Valedictory, C. M. WILLARD.

**Music.****PRAYER.**

## 17.

## THE GYMNASIUM FUND

From time to time efforts have been made to raise a fund for a school gymnasium. Probably the most interest was aroused in 1905 when a community Fourth of July celebration was held and the proceeds given towards a gymnasium fund. Besides this there have been several generous gifts. Below is a list of the gifts.

L. D. Cobb, 1902	\$ 10.00
O. M. Barber, 1903	5.00
L. R. Thompson, 1903	5.00
H. F. Dutton, 1905	50.00
Proceeds of Celebration, 1905	205.01
Redfield Proctor, 1905	100.00
Sundry Gifts	174.99

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\$550.00

This money is drawing interest and is available whenever sufficient funds are secured to warrant the erection of a building.

## 18.

GIFTS TOWARD THE HEATING PLANT INSTALLED  
IN 1926

Charles P. Taft	\$250.00
Horace D. Taft	100.00
Henry W. Taft	100.00
William Howard Taft	100.00
Hulbert Taft	100.00
Ross Newell	50.00

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\$700.00



PART III.

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CHRONOLOGY



THE SEMINARY OF TODAY

Built in 1894

PART III.  
CHRONOLOGY

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TRUSTEES

- Hon. Peter R. Taft, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to Sept. 1841, removed to Cincinnati, O.
- Hon. John Roberts, Newfane, Oct. 31, 1834, to May 12, 1868, died.
- Rev. Richard M. Ely, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to 1838, removed to Chester, Vt.
- Rev. Erastus Willard, Grafton, Oct. 31, 1834, to 1835, missionary to Paris.
- Rev. P. B. Fisk, Jamaica, Oct. 31, 1834, removed prior to 1838.
- Hon. Chapin Howard, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to May 6, 1865, died.
- Daniel Cobb, Windham, Oct. 31, 1834, to Jan. 2, 1842, died.
- Hon. Wm. R. Shafter, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to March 28, 1864, died.
- Rev. Sem Pierce, So. Londonderry, Oct. 31, 1834, to about 1842, removed to New Hampshire.
- Allen Goodrich, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to 1835, removed to Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Evans Read, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to Jan. 4, 1836, resigned.
- Dea. Samuel Gray, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to Aug. 13, 1870, died.
- John Blandin, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to Sept. 3, 1865, died.
- Rev. Mansfield Bruce, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to about 1840, removed.
- Rev. Amherst Lamb, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to about 1840, removed.
- Rev. Cyrus Carpenter, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to 1840, resigned.

Jotham Burnet, Townshend, Oct. 31, 1834, to 1840, resigned.

Hon. Daniel Kellogg, Saxton's River, Jan. 4, 1836, to 1837, removed.

Isaiah Goodrich, Townshend, Jan. 4, 1836, to about 1840, removed.

Capt. James Taggart, Townshend, Jan. 4, 1836, to Jan. 25, 1871, died.

Rev. Samuel Eastman, Grafton, Jan. 4, 1836, to about 1837, removed to Hinsdale, N. H.

Rev. Nathan Ames, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1838, to Feb. 10, 1843, resigned.

Rev. Wm. D. Upham, Townshend, Jan. 7, 1839, to June 30, 1843, died.

Col. Jonas Twitchell, Townshend, Jan. 7, 1839, to Jan. 7, 1878, died.

Benjamin Howe, Townshend, Jan. 6, 1840, to March 4, 1870, died.

Wm. H. Joy, Townshend, Jan. 6, 1840, to Jan. 4, 1858, died.

Rev. Wm. H. Hodges, Newfane, Jan. 4, 1841, to 1849, died.

Samuel F. Thompson, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1842, to Feb. 26, 1847, died.

Dr. Charles Clarke, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1842, to Jan. 16, 1883, died.

Lemuel Farwell, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1842, to Sept. 11, 1865, died.

Ralph Brintnall, Townshend, Feb. 20, 1843, to 1852, removed to Saratoga, N. Y.

Rev. H. N. Graves, Townshend, Feb. 20, 1843, to Sept. 14, 1848, removed.

Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, Brookline, Feb. 20, 1843, to Oct. 4, 1849, died.

Rev. Horace Fletcher, Townshend, Feb. 5, 1844, to Nov. 27, 1871, died.

Hon. Wm. R. Ranney, Townshend, Jan. 27, 1848, to Aug. 18, 1853, died.

Rev. John Wood, Townshend, Feb. 18, 1850, to 1859, removed to Wolfboro, N. H.

Rev. Chas. H. Green, So. Windham, Feb. 18, 1850, to about 1854, removed.

Hon. Peter W. Dean, Grafton, Feb. 18, 1850, to Jan. 20, 1879, died.

- Prof. C. B. Smith, Townshend, Feb. 18, 1853, to 1860, removed to Brandon, Vt.
- Abishai Bailey, Townshend, Oct. 17, 1853, to 1854, removed to Saratoga, N. Y.
- Hon. O. S. Howard, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1855, to July 25, 1889, died.
- Nathaniel Cheney, Esq., Townshend, Jan. 1, 1855, to 1857, removed.
- Chas. D. Bellamy, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1855, to about 1859, removed to Seville, O.
- Hon. A. Stoddard, Townshend, Jan. 26, 1857, to Oct. 12, 1893, died.
- Hon. Jas. Phelps, West Townshend, Jan. 26, 1857, to about 1889, removed.
- John A. Converse, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1859, to Mar. 28, 1867, removed to Meriden, Conn.
- Alonzo Starkey, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1859, to spring of 1871, removed.
- Dea. Ward Scott, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1860, to Apr. 10, 1863, died.
- Granville J. Austin, Townshend, Feb. 14, 1860, to about 1870, removed.
- Rev. Mark Capenter, So. Windham, Feb. 6, 1865, to Nov. 13, 1882, died in Townshend.
- Nathaniel Cheney, Esq., Brattleboro, Feb. 6, 1865, to Aug. 9, 1874, died.
- Joab Holland, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1866, to Feb. 14, 1873, died.
- Dea. S. D. Winslow, 2nd, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1866, to 1891, removed from State.
- Rev. A. S. Burton, Townshend, Jan. 6, 1868, to about 1869, removed to Middlebury, Vt.
- Hon. A. C. Howard, Townshend, Feb. 1, 1869, to Jan. 9, 1881, died.
- C. Q. Stebbins, Townshend, April 4, 1870, to Nov. 11, 1916, died.
- Massena F. Ballou, Townshend, April 4, 1870, to Jan. 22, 1875, removed to Meriden, Conn.
- Hon. I. K. Batchelder, Townshend, April 4, 1870, to May 26, 1898, vacated.
- Rev. F. W. Olmstead, Townshend, Feb. 2, 1871, to July 1877, removed.

- Dea. Samuel D. Winslow, 1st, Townshend, Feb. 2, 1871, to Nov. 17, 1886, died.
- Rev. R. R. Prentice, Townshend, Feb. 10, 1873, to 1874, removed.
- Rev. C. P. Frenyear, Townshend, Jan. 4, 1875, to Aug. 13, 1876, died.
- Dea. Chas. H. Willard, Townshend, Jan. 4, 1875, to May 26, 1898, vacated.
- Milon Davidson, Newfane, Jan. 4, 1875, to Aug. 1897, died.
- Rev. T. M. Buter, Townshend, Jan. 1, 1877, to Oct. 29, 1882, removed.
- Rev. Geo. Porter, Townshend, Jan. 16, 1878 to March 29, 1892, died.
- Daniel Read, Townshend, Jan. 16, 1878, to April 7, 1890, died.
- Hon. H. M. Twitchell, Newfane, Jan. 16, 1878, to Aug. 1879, removed to Kingston, P. Q.
- Dr. H. B. Kenyon, Townshend, Jan. 5, 1880, to Jan. 10, 1888, vacated.
- E. J. Knapp, Townshend, Jan. 17, 1881, to 1901, died.
- Horace C. Howard, Esq., Townshend, Jan. 17, 1881, to Aug. 1, 1887, removed from the State.
- Prof. C. C. Boynton, Townshend, Jan. 15, 1883, to close of spring term 1883, removed to Lebanon, N. H.
- Dr. C. M. Terrell, Townshend, Jan. 15, 1883, to 1889, removed.
- Rev. E. S. Mitchell, Townshend, Jan. 7, 1884, to July 1, 1887, removed.
- E. L. Hastings, Townshend, Jan. 7, 1884, to Oct. 2, 1919, died.
- Dea. Jacob Estey, Brattleboro, Aug. 23, 1886, to April 15, 1890, died 1890.
- Choate O. Howard, Townshend, Jan. 10, 1888, to about 1890, removed.
- Hon. E. W. Stoddard, Brattleboro, Jan. 10, 1888, to July 24, 1896, died.
- Rev. Chas. M. Smith, Townshend, Jan. 10, 1888, to 1892, removed.
- Geo. M. Houghton, Townshend, Jan. 10, 1888, to July 25, 1905, died.
- Rev. W. D. Athearn, Jan. 6, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891, removed.



- A. A. Mason, Jan. 6, 1890, to June 21, 1890, removed 1st term.  
Dr. F. L. Osgood, June 21, 1890, to Dec. 30, 1922, died.  
D. G. Smyth, June 21, 1890, to June, 1891, removed 1st term.  
J. H. Ware, March 15, 1892, to the present time, 1927.  
Edwin H. Fessenden, March 15, 1892, to April 25, 1909, died.  
A. B. Greenwood, March 15, 1892, to Aug. 11, 1914, died.  
E. C. Benedict, March 15, 1892, to May 22, 1899, resigned.  
Rev. C. A. Votey, Windham, March 15, 1892, to July 1892, removed.  
Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, Jan. 2, 1893, to Jan. 1, 1899, removed 1st term.  
B. B. Brigham, Jan. 2, 1893, to Feb. 28, 1910, died.  
Rev. E. B. Earle, Wardsboro, Jan. 2, 1893, to 1895, removed.  
Rev. M. F. Hardy, Jan. 1, 1894, to June 4, 1903, resigned.  
Rev. J. Nobbs, Jamaica, May 30, 1896, to May 26, 1898, resigned.  
Dr. H. D. Holton, Brattleboro, May 7, 1897, to Feb. 12, 1917, died.  
A. A. Mason, Sept. 13, 1897, to June 25, 1912, died 2nd term.  
Rev. S. H. Taylor, Jamaica, May 26, 1898, to Sept. 24, 1899, removed.  
J. O. Follett, May 26, 1898, to Feb. 23, 1911, died.  
F. H. Willard, May 26, 1898, to April 11, 1920, died.  
Rev. L. B. Curtis, May 22, 1899, to May 1, 1901, removed.  
Mrs. Gratia Davidson, May 22, 1899, to this date, 1927.  
Edgar M. Butler, Jamaica, June 6, 1900, to this date, 1927.  
Charles H. Willard, June 13, 1901, to June 6, 1926, died.  
Rev. E. A. Royal, June 12, 1902, to 1905, removed.  
Rev. G. H. Baker, June 4, 1903, to 1906, resigned.  
Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, Dec. 27, 1905, to 1906, removed.  
Miss Harriet Fletcher, June 8, 1906, to May 14, 1915, died.  
Rev. Daniel McIntyre, July 6, 1906, to May 28, 1911, removed.  
Rev. W. W. Gushee, June 7, 1907, to June 10, 1909, removed.  
From here on trustees were elected for five year terms, rather than for life.  
Rev. Joseph McKean, June 10, 1909, to Dec. 11, 1914, removed.  
C. W. Cutler, June 10, 1909, to June 12, 1919, 1st term.  
C. C. Fitts, June 10, 1909, to Dec. 20, 1916, died.  
H. F. Dutton, Gainsville Fla., June 10, 1909, to April 30, 1910, resigned.

- R C. White, Cleveland, O., June 10, 1909, to April 30, 1910, resigned.
- E B. Batchelder, April 30, 1910, to October 25, 1922, died.
- C. H. Grout, April 30, 1910, to 1915.
- L. T. Landman, So. Londonderry, April 30, 1910, to present date, 1927.
- E. H. Allbee, June 8, 1911, to present date, 1927.
- F. W. Watson, June 5, 1913 to present date, 1927.
- Rev. R. H. Bosworth, Dec. 11, 1914, to 1924, removed.
- Rev. H. E. Levoy, Dec. 11, 1914, to June 8, 1916, removed.
- Henry Bond, Brattleboro, April 30, 1915, Aug. 9, 1925, died.
- John Greenwood, Chester, April 30, 1915, to June 11, 1925, resigned.
- Mrs. Katherine Burchard, Brattleboro, June 3, 1915, to 1917, died.
- Rev. J. R. Lawrence, June 8, 1916, to March 1, 1918, removed.
- Carl S. Hopkins, Brattleboro, June 14, 1917, to present time, 1927.
- R. D. Phillips, June 14, 1917, to present time, 1927.
- O. B. Dauchy, June 14, 1917, to present time, 1927.
- Rev. L. H. Sprague, Wardsboro, June 6, 1918, to March 1927, died.
- C. S. Mills, June 12, 1919, to present time, 1927.
- Rev. J. H. Blackburn, June 12, 1919, to May 27, 1920, removed.
- C. W. Cutler, May 4, 1920, to present time, 1927, 2nd term.
- F. C. Cutler, May 4, 1920, to present time, 1927.
- Rev. C. W. Bishop, May 27, 1920, to June 15, 1922, removed.
- Rev. W. H. Nobbs, June 15, 1922, to June 12, 1924, removed.
- Guy W. Powers, June 14, 1923, to present time, 1927.
- C. C. Robinson, June 14, 1923, to present time, 1927.
- Rev. H. P. Simpson, June 12, 1924, to June 1926, removed.
- Rev. F. B. Hyde, Newfane, June 12, 1924, to 1926, removed.
- D. G. Smyth, June 11, 1925, to this date, 1927, 2nd term.
- L. H. Higgins, Newfane, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.
- Ernest Allen of Jamaica, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.
- C. L. Stickney, Brattleboro, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.
- A. E. Gregg, Townshend, August 23, 1926, to this date, 1927.
- J. E. Gleason, Wardsboro, June 16, 1927, to this date.

Only life members now on the Board are: Edgar Butler; Mrs. Gratia Davidson; John H. Ware.

## 2.

## PRESIDENTS

- Hon. Peter R. Taft of Townshend, Jan. 5, 1835, to 1841, removed.  
Rev. Wm. D. Upham of Townshend, Jan. 3, 1842, to June 30, 1843, died.  
Rev. Horatio N. Graves of Townshend, Jan. 1, 1844, to Jan. 3, 1848, removed.  
Rev. Horace Fletcher of Townshend, Jan. 3, 1848, to Nov. 27, 1871, died.  
Hon. Abishai Stoddard of Townshend and Westminster, Jan. 1, 1872, to Oct. 12, 1893, died.  
Hon. Edgar W. Stoddard of Brattleboro, Jan. 1, 1894, to July 24, 1896, died.  
Dr. Henry D. Holton of Brattleboro, May 28, 1897, to Feb. 12, 1917, died.  
Hon. Henry Bond of Brattleboro, June 14, 1917, to Aug. 9, 1925, died.  
Guy W. Powers of Athens, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.

## 3.

## FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS

- Rev. Erastus Willard, Jan. 5, 1835, to Jan. 4, 1836.  
Rev. Mansfield Bruce, Jan. 4, 1836, to Jan. 7, 1839.  
Rev. Wm. D. Upham, Jan. 7, 1839, to Jan. 3, 1842.  
Hon. Wm. R. Shafter, Jan. 3, 1842, to Jan. 2, 1843.  
Rev. Wm. N. Hodges, Jan. 2, 1843, to Jan. 6, 1845.  
Rev. Horace Fletcher, Jan. 6, 1845, to Jan. 3, 1848.  
Rev. Horatio N. Graves, Jan. 3, 1848, to Sept. 1848, removed.  
Hon. Wm. R. Shafter, Jan. 1, 1849, to Feb. 18, 1850.  
Rev. John Wood, Feb. 18, 1850, to Jan. 6, 1851.  
Hon. Wm. R. Ranney, Jan. 6, 1851, to Jan. 5, 1852.  
Hon. Wm. R. Shafter, Jan. 5, 1852, to Jan. 4, 1858.  
Hon. A. Stoddard, Jan. 4, 1858, to Feb. 14, 1859.

Hon. John Roberts, Feb. 14, 1859, to Jan. 1, 1866.  
Hon. A. Stoddard, Jan. 1, 1866, to Jan. 7, 1867.  
Hon. John Roberts, Jan. 7, 1867, to Jan. 4, 1869.  
Hon. A. Stoddard, Jan. 4, 1869, to Jan. 8, 1872.  
Rev. F. W. Olmstead, Jan. 8, 1872, to July, 1877, removed.  
Hon. Ira K. Batchelder, Jan. 7, 1878, to Jan. 7, 1895.  
Edwin H. Fessenden, Jan. 7, 1895, to May 28, 1897.  
Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, May 28, 1897, to May 22, 1899.  
Rev. L. B. Curtis, May 22, 1899, to June 13, 1901.  
Rev. M. F. Hardy, June 13, 1901, to June 12, 1902.  
Rev. E. A. Royal, June 12, 1902, to June 1, 1905.  
Rev. G. H. Baker, June 1, 1905, to June 8, 1906.  
J. O. Follett, June 8, 1906, to June 7, 1907.  
Rev. W. W. Gushee, June 7, 1907, to June 6, 1908.  
Rev. Daniel McIntyre, June 6, 1908, to June 9, 1910.  
Rev. Joseph McKean, June 9, 1910, to June 4, 1914.  
Dr. Fred L. Osgood, June 4, 1914, to June 14, 1917.  
Rev. J. R. Lawrence, June 14, 1917, to June 6, 1918.  
Dr. F. L. Osgood, June 6, 1918, to Dec. 30, 1922, died.  
Luke T. Landman, June 14, 1923, to this date, 1927.

## 4.

## SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTS

Rev. Mansfield Bruce, Jan. 5, 1835, to Jan. 4, 1836.  
Rev. Samuel Eastman, Jan. 4, 1836, to Jan. 1, 1838.  
Rev. Nathan Ames, Jan. 1, 1838, to Jan. 4, 1841.  
Capt. Jas. Taggart, Jan. 4, 1841, to Jan. 3, 1842.  
John Blandin, Jan. 3, 1842, to Jan. 6, 1845.  
Rev. Wm. Hodges, Jan. 6, 1845, to Jan. 1, 1849.  
Hon. Wm. R. Ranney, from Jan. 1, 1849, to Feb. 18, 1850.  
Hon. Wm. R. Shafter, Feb. 18, 1850, to Jan. 5, 1852.  
Hon. Wm. R. Ranney, Jan. 5, 1852, to Jan. 3, 1853.  
Rev. John Wood, Jan. 3, 1883, to Feb. 14, 1859.  
Hon. A. Stoddard, Feb. 14, 1859, to Jan. 1, 1866.  
Rev. Mark Carpenter, Jan. 1, 1866, to Jan. 7, 1867.

Hon. A. Stoddard, Jan. 7, 1867, to Jan. 6, 1868.  
Hon. O. S. Howard, Jan. 6, 1868, to Jan. 4, 1869.  
Rev. A. S. Barton, Jan. 4, 1869, to Jan. 3, 1870.  
Dea. S. D. Winslow, 2nd, Jan. 3, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1872.  
Hon. A. C. Howard, Jan. 1, 1872, to Jan. 7, 1878.  
Rev. T. M. Butler, Jan. 7, 1878, to Oct. 29, 1882, removed.  
Milon Davidson, Jan. 15, 1883, to Jan. 1, 1893.  
Rev. C. D. R. Meacham, Jan. 1, 1894, to May 28, 1897.  
E. H. Fessenden, May 28, 1897, to June 12, 1902.  
Rev. M. F. Hardy, June 12, 1902, to June 4, 1903.  
Rev. George H. Baker, June 4, 1903, to June 1, 1905.  
Fred H. Willard, June 1, 1905, to June 7, 1907.  
Rev. Daniel McIntyre, June 7, 1907, to June 6, 1908.  
Fred H. Willard, June 6, 1908, to June 10, 1909.  
Rev. Joseph McKean, June 10, 1909, to June 9, 1910.  
Luke T. Landman, June 9, 1910, to June 14, 1923.  
Rev. W. H. Nobbs, June 14, 1923, to June 12, 1924.  
Rev. H. Pierce Simpson, June 12, 1924, to June 17, 1926.  
Edgar H. Allbee, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.

## 5.

## SECRETARIES

Hon. John Roberts, Jan. 5, 1835, to Jan. 1, 1855.  
Dr. Charles Clarke, Jan. 1, 1855, to Feb. 10, 1873.  
Dea. Charles Q. Stebbins, Feb. 10, 1873, to June 8, 1906.  
Dr. Fred L. Osgood, June 8, 1906, to June 5, 1913.  
Edgar H. Allbee, June 5, 1913, to June 15, 1922.  
Fred W. Watson, June 15, 1922, to June 16, 1927.  
Otis B. Dauchy, June 16, 1927, to this date, 1927.

## 6.

## TREASURERS

Hon. Chapin Howard, Jan. 5, 1835, to Jan. 1, 1844.  
Dea. Samuel Gray, Jan. 1, 1844, to Jan. 4, 1847.

Dr. Charles Clarke, Jan. 4, 1847, to Jan. 3, 1848.  
 Hon. Chapin Howard, Jan. 3, 1848, to Jan. 1, 1855.  
 Hon. O. S. Howard, Jan. 1, 1855, to Jan. 10, 1888.  
 Choate O. Howard, Jan. 10, 1888, to Jan. 6, 1890.  
 Milon Davidson, Jan. 6, 1890, to August, 1897, died.  
 Charles Q. Stebbins, Sept. 13, 1897, to June 1, 1905.  
 Fred H. Willard, June 1, 1905, to April 11, 1920, died.  
 Charles W. Cutler, May 4, 1920, to this date, 1927.

## 7.

## COLLECTORS

Hon. Chapin Howard, from Jan. 5, 1835, to Jan. 7, 1839.  
 Capt. Jas. Taggart, from Jan. 7, 1839, to Jan. 4, 1841.  
 Wm. H. Joy, from Jan. 4, 1841, to Jan. 3, 1842.  
 Benjamin Howe, from Jan. 3, 1842, to Jan. 1, 1844.  
 Ralph Prentice, from Jan. 1, 1844, to Jan. 6, 1845.  
 John Blandin, from Jan. 6, 1845, to Jan. 4, 1847.  
 Hon. Chapin Howard, from Jan. 4, 1847, to Jan. 3, 1848.  
 Dr. Charles Clarke, from Jan. 3, 1848, to Jan. 1, 1855.  
 Benjamin Howe, from Jan. 1, 1855, to Jan. 3, 1870.  
 G. J. Austin, from Jan. 3, 1870, to Feb. 2, 1871.  
 Dea. C. Q. Stebbins, from Feb. 2, 1871, to Jan. 15, 1883.  
 Dea. Chas. H. Willard, Jan. 15, 1883, to Jan. 5, 1885.  
 E. J. Knapp, from Jan. 5, 1885, to Jan. 7, 1889.  
 Dr. C. M. Terrell, Jan. 7, 1889, to Jan. 6, 1890.  
 E. L. Hastings, Jan. 6, 1890, to Jan. 5, 1891.  
 E. J. Knapp, Jan. 5, 1891, to June 6, 1900.  
 F. H. Willard, June 6, 1900, to June 4, 1902.  
 A. A. Mason, June 4, 1902, to June 8, 1906.  
 The Prudential Committee, June 8, 1906, to June 7, 1907.  
 A. A. Mason, June 7, 1907, to June 10, 1909.  
 F. H. Willard, June 10, 1909, to June 8, 1911.  
 E. B. Batchelder, June 8, 1911, to June 13, 1912.  
 E. B. Batchelder and C. W. Cutler, joint collectors,  
 June 13, 1912, to June 4, 1914.



F. W. Watson, June 4, 1914, to June 3, 1915.  
 E. B. Batchelder, June 3, 1915, to June 12, 1919.  
 F. W. Watson, June 12, 1919, to June 15, 1922.  
 E. H. Allbee, June 15, 1922, to this date, 1927.

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### AUDITORS

Nathaniel Cheney, from Jan. 4, 1869 to Jan 3, 1870.  
 Dea. S. D. Winslow 2nd, Jan. 1, 1871, to Jan. 4, 1892.  
 Rev. C. H. Smith, Jan. 4, 1892, to Jan. 2, 1893.  
 E. C. Benedict, Jan. 2, 1893, to May 22, 1899.  
 \*G. H. Houghton, May 22, 1899, to July 25, 1905, died.  
 J. H. Ware, June 8, 1906, to June 7, 1907.  
 Rev. D. McIntyre, June 7, 1907, to June 10, 1909.  
 Rev. J. McKean, June 10, 1909, to June 8, 1911.  
 C. W. Cutler, June 8, 1911, to June 12, 1919.  
 O. B. Dauchy, June 12, 1919, to June 14, 1923.  
 C. S. Mills, June 14, 1923, June 17, 1926.  
 C. C. Robinson, June 17, 1926, to this date, 1927.

### FINANCIAL AGENT

E. J. Knapp, from August 23, 1886, to Jan. 10, 1888.

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### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES

1835, Chapin Howard, Wm. R. Shafter. Peter R. Taft, Daniel Cobb, Epaphro Ransom.†

\*Rev. G. H. Baker elected to complete the term.

†The five whose names are above given as the prudential committee for 1835, were elected by the trustees, Jan. 5, in that year, "to superintend the prudential affairs of the corporation," until by-laws should be adopted. They were probably selected for the reason that the Woodstock Association had, prior thereto, appointed the same persons to contract for and superintend the erection of an academy building.

- 1836, Chapin Howard, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1837, Chapin Howard, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1838, Chapin Howard, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1839, Chapin Howard, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1840, Chapin Howard, Samuel Gray, John Blandin.  
1841, Chapin Howard, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1842, Wm. D. Upham, Samuel Gray, John Blandin.  
1843, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Jonas Twitchell.  
1844, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Ralph Brintnall.  
1845, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Ralph Brintnall.  
1846, Ralph Brintnall, John Blandin, Samuel Gray.  
1847, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Ralph Brintnall.  
1848, Samuel Gray, Jonas Twitchell, John Blandin.  
1849, Samuel Gray, Jonas Twitchell, John Blandin.  
1850, John Blandin, Samuel Gray, Jonas Twitchell.  
1851, John Blandin, Samuel Gray, Jonas Twitchell.  
1852, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Jonas Twitchell.  
1853, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Jonas Twitchell.  
1854, Samuel Gray, John Blandin, Jonas Twitchell.  
1855, Ormando S. Howard, Wm. H. Joy, Charles D. Bellamy.  
1856, Charles Clarke, Charles D. Bellamy, Wm. H. Joy.  
1857, Charles Clarke, Jonas Twitchell, Wm. H. Joy.  
1858, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, Chas. D. Bellamy.  
1859, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1860, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1861, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1862, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1863, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1864, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1865, Charles Clarke, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse.  
1866, Abishai Stoddard, Charles Clarke, John H. Converse.  
1867, Abishai Stoddard, John H. Converse, Charles Clarke.  
1888, Abishai Stoddard, Alonzo Starkey, Charles Clarke.  
1869, Abishai Stoddard, Charles Clarke, Alonzo Starkey.  
1870, Abishai Stoddard, Charles Clarke, Alonzo Starkey.  
1871, Abishai Stoddard, Charles Clarke, Alonzo Starkey.  
1872, Abishai Stoddard, Charles Clarke, Aurelius C. Howard.

- 1873, Abishai Stoddard, Massena F. Ballou, Aurelius C. Howard.  
1874, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Massena F. Ballou.  
1875, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1876, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1877, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1878, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1879, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1880, Abishai Stoddard, Aurelius C. Howard, Ira K. Batchelder.  
1881, Abishai Stoddard, Ira K. Batchelder, Horace C. Howard.  
1882, Abishai Stoddard, Ira K. Batchelder, Horace C. Howard.  
1883, Abishai Stoddard, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson.  
1884, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1885, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1886, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1887, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1888, Ira K. Batchelder, Milon Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1889, I. K. Batchelder, M. Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1890, I. K. Batchelder, M. Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1891, I. K. Batchelder, M. Davidson, E. J. Knapp.  
1892, I. K. Batchelder, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings.  
1893, I. K. Batchelder, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings.  
1894, F. L. Osgood, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings.  
1895, F. L. Osgood, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings.  
1896, F. L. Osgood, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings.  
1897, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, M. Davidson.\*  
1898, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1899, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1900, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1901, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1902, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1903, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1904, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, G. H. Houghton.  
1905, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, J. H. Ware.  
1906, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, J. H. Ware.  
1907, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, J. H. Ware.  
1908, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, J. H. Ware.

\*G. H. Houghton elected Sept. 13, 1897 to complete Davidson's term

- 1909, E. L. Hastings, F. L. Osgood, J. H. Ware.  
1910, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, F. L. Osgood.  
1911, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, Rev. J. McKean.  
1912, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, Rev. J. McKean.  
1913, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, Rev. J. McKean.  
1914, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder.  
1915, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder.  
1916, E. L. Hastings, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder.  
1917, E. L. Hastings, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1918, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips.  
1919, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder, R. D. Phillips.  
1920, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder, R. D. Phillips.  
1921, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder, R. D. Phillips.  
1922, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder, R. D. Phillips.  
1923, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips, C. H. Willard.  
1924, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips, C. H. Willard.  
1925, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips, C. H. Willard.  
1926, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips, C. S. Mills.  
1927, J. H. Ware, R. D. Phillips, C. S. Mills.

## 10.

## BOARD OF INVESTMENT

Organized August 23, 1886

- 1886, O. S. Howard, J. H. Phelps, S. D. Winslow.  
1887, No elections.  
1888, Choate Howard, S. D. Winslow, J. H. Phelps.  
1889, Choate Howard, S. D. Winslow, E. L. Hastings.  
1890, M. Davidson, S. D. Winslow, E. L. Hastings.  
1891, M. Davidson, S. D. Winslow, E. L. Hastings.  
1892, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings, E. W. Stoddard.  
1893, M. Davidson, E. L. Hastings, E. W. Stoddard.  
1894, M. Davidson, E. W. Stoddard, E. L. Hastings.  
1895, M. Davidson, E. W. Stoddard, E. L. Hastings.  
1896, M. Davidson, E. W. Stoddard, E. L. Hastings.

- 1897, M. Davidson, H. D. Holton, E. L. Hastings.  
1898, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, E. L. Hastings.  
1899, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, E. L. Hastings.  
1900, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, E. L. Hastings.  
1901, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, F. H. Willard.  
1902, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, F. H. Willard.  
1903, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, F. H. Willard.  
1904, C. Q. Stebbins, H. D. Holton, F. H. Willard.  
1905, F. H. Willard, H. D. Holton, J. H. Ware.  
1906, F. H. Willard, H. D. Holton, J. H. Ware.  
1907, F. H. Willard, A. A. Mason, J. H. Ware.  
1908, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, A. A. Mason.  
1909, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, A. A. Mason.  
1910, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, A. A. Mason.  
1911, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, A. A. Mason.  
1912, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, A. A. Mason.  
1913, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder.  
1914, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, E. B. Batchelder.  
1915, F. H. Willard, J. H. Ware, Henry Bond.  
1916, F. H. Willard, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1917, F. H. Willard, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1918, F. H. Willard, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1919, F. H. Willard, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1920, C. W. Cutler, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1921, C. W. Cutler, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1922, C. W. Cutler, E. B. Batchelder, J. H. Ware.  
1923, C. W. Cutler, J. H. Ware, F. C. Cutler.  
1924, C. W. Cutler, J. H. Ware, F. C. Cutler.  
1925, C. W. Cutler, J. H. Ware, F. C. Cutler.  
1926, C. W. Cutler, J. H. Ware, F. C. Cutler.  
1927, C. W. Cutler, J. H. Ware, F. C. Cutler.

## II.

## PRINCIPALS

A. F. Tilton, A. B., 1835-6.

N. Wheeler, A. B., 1837, spring and fall term.

Wm. A. Shepard, A. B., from spring term 1838, to fall term 1839, inclusive.

James L. Batchelder, spring term, 1840.

Darwin H. Ranney, A. B., spring term, 1841.

Hervey I. Parker, A. B., fall term, 1841.

Rev. Mr. Wiggins, spring term, 1842.

Wm. B. Bunnell, A. M., from spring term, 1843, to spring term, 1845, inclusive.

Samuel K. Smith, A. B., fall term, 1845.

Moses Lyford, A. B., from fall term, 1846, to fall term, 1849, inclusive.

H. L. Wayland, A. B., from winter term, 1849-50, to fall term, 1850, inclusive.

J. A. Shores, A. B., from winter term, 1850-1, to fall term, 1851, inclusive.

Claudius B. Smith, A. M., from winter term, 1851-2, to fall term, 1859, inclusive.

Geo. E. Lane, A. B., from fall term, 1859, to fall term, 1861, inclusive.

Horace Burchard, A. M., from fall term, 1862, to fall term, 1864, inclusive.

Wm. H. Rugg, A. B., spring term, 1865.

Edward Judson, A. B., from spring term, 1865, to fall term, 1866, inclusive.

Daniel Cole, A. B., from spring, 1867, to fall term, 1868, inclusive.

Chas. L. Clay, A. B., winter term, 1868-9, and spring term, 1869.

Edgar W. Stoddard, A. B., fall term, 1869.

Milon Davidson, A. B., from fall term, 1870, to spring term, 1874, inclusive.

H. C. Robbins, from fall term, 1874, to spring term, 1875, inclusive.

Rev. F. W. Olmstead, fall term, 1875.



- C. C. Boynton, from spring term, 1876, to spring term, 1883, inclusive.
- Frank V. Spaulding, A. B., from fall term, 1883, to fall term, 1885, inclusive.
- Harlan P. Davidson, A. B. winter term, 1885-6 and spring term 1886.
- Horatio B. Lawrence, A. B., from fall term, 1886, through spring term, 1889.
- David G. Smyth, A. B., from fall term, 1889, through spring term, 1891.
- Aubrey B. Call., A. M., from fall term, 1891, through spring term, 1895.
- Leverett V. Symonds, A. B., from fall term, 1895, through spring term, 1897.
- Eli Edgecomb, A. M., from fall term, 1897, through spring term, 1902.
- William A. Harthorne, A. B., from fall term, 1902, through spring term, 1904.
- Perry B. Perkins, A. M., from fall term, 1904, through spring term, 1905.
- Harris W. Lewis, A. B., from fall term, 1905, through spring term, 1908.
- Frederick W. Wallace, A. B., from fall term, 1908, through spring term, 1910.
- Roy W. Jocelyn, A. B., from fall term, 1910, through spring term, 1911.
- Guy W. Powers, B. S., from fall term, 1911, through spring term, 1916.
- Earle H. Blanchard, A. B., from fall term, 1916, through spring term, 1919.
- Stephen O. Salmon, B. S. A., from fall term, 1919, through spring term, 1920.
- Stewart S. Clark, M. A., from fall term 1920, through spring term, 1922.
- Harold S. Card, B. A., from fall term, 1922, through spring term, 1923.
- Earle J. Owen, M. S., from fall term, 1923, through spring term, 1927.

Vernon C. Pinkham, M. S., from fall term, 1927, through spring term, 1927.

Whole number 43; average term between two and three years. Those serving longest were: C. C. Boynton, 7 years; C. B. Smith, 6 years and one term; Eli Edgecomb 5 years; Guy W. Powers 5 years; Milon Davidson 4 years; Aubrey B. Call 4 years; E. J. Owen 4 years.

## 12.

## INSTRUCTORS

(Compiled from the catalogues and from one or two other sources)

The absolute accuracy of this list can not be vouched for, but it is as nearly complete and correct as it is possible to make it.

1835 School opened by Rev. Erastus Willard of Grafton in absence of the principal. A. F. Tilton, Principal, soon took charge. No record of the other instructors.

1836 A. F. Tilton, A. B. Principal; C. M. Willard & S. S. Bailey, Asst's; Alonzo Gray A. B., lecturer on Chem.; Miss S. M. Griggs, Preceptress.

1837 N. Wheeler, A. B., Principal; Miss N. B. Winslow, Preceptress.

1838 Wm. Albert Shepard A. B., Principal; Miss Mary E. Shepard, Principal Female Department.

1838-39 Wm. A. Shepard A. B., Principal; Miss Mary E. Shepard. Principal Female Department; Miss Isabella W. Shepard.

1839-40 James L. Batchelder A. B., Principal; Rev. Wm. D. Upham, Ass't.; Josiah H. Holland, Penmanship; Mrs. Clarina J. H. Carpenter, Ladies Department.

Winter and Spring term—J. L. Batchelder A. B., Principal; Miss Isabella Shepard.

1840-41 Spring: Darwin H. Ranney A. B., Principal; Ellen S. Howard, Female Department.

Fall: Hewey I. Parker A. B., Principal; Ellen S. Howard, Female Department; Mr. Ansell Smith, Asst. Principal.

1841-42 Spring: Rev. Mr. Wiggins, Principal. No other record.

1842-43 Wm. B. Bunnell A. M., Principal; Ansell Smith, Math.; Miss Maria Walter, Preceptress; Charlotte A. Pratt, Music;

Clarinda O. Brigham, Primary; A. G. Jones M. D., Ass't (winter); Marion E. Temple, Music (spring and summer).

1843-44 Wm. B. Bunnell A. M., Principal; Rev. A. Gray, Lecturer on Chem. & Geol.; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bunnell, Preceptress; Miss Charlotte A. Pratt, Music; Miss Adaline R. Cobb, Ass't; eleven Ass't pupils.

1844-45 Spring: Wm. B. Bunnell A. M., Principal; Ranslure W. Clark A. B.; Miss Charlotte A. Pratt.

Fall: Samuel K. Smith, A. B., Principal; Theophilus C. Abbott A. B., Ass't. Principal; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Bunnell, Preceptress; Jonas Allen, Penmanship.

1846 Moses Lyford A. B., Principal; Samson Powers A. B., Associate Principal; Hon. W. R. Ranney, Lecturer Anatomy and Physiology; Preston W. Taft, Penmanship; Miss Desdemonia S. Barber, Preceptress; Misses Marcia C. Knowlton, Mary A. Gray, Ass'ts; Miss Mary L. Dyer, Music.

1846-47 Moses Lyford A. B., Principal; Pliny F. Walker, Ass't.; Hon. W. R. Ranney, Lecturer; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; Adaline R. Cobb, Preceptress; Clarinda O. Brigham, Ass't; Mary L. Dyer, Music.

Previous to fall term: Miss Jane C. Kellogg, Preceptress; Lucian E. Sherman, Ass't in Latin; Preston W. Taft, Penmanship.

1847-48 Same as for 1846-47.

1848-49 Moses Lyford A. M., Principal; Joseph Rockwood, Ass't.; Hon. W. R. Ranney, Lecturer; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; Adaline R. Cobb, Preceptress; Angeline F. Cobb, Ass't.; Mary D. Lyford, Music.

1849-50 H. L. Wayland, A. B., Principal; Joseph Rockwood, Ass't.; Hon. W. R. Ranney M. D., Lecturer; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; Maria A. Goodnow, Preceptress; Angeline P. Howe, Ass't; Frances S. Ranney, Drawing and Painting.

1850-51 J. A. Shores, A. B., Principal; Hon. W. R. Ranney, M. D., Lecturer; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; G. W. Harris, Monochromatic painting; Frances S. Ranney, Preceptress; Cordelia D. Hinds, Music and Drawing.

1852 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; P. B. Goodell A.

B., English and Classics; Mons. S. A. Buteau M. D., French, Spanish and Italian; Anos Holt Jr., Penmanship; Miss H. A. Kendall, Preceptress, and teacher of ornamental branches; Miss J. C. Faulder, Music.

1853 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; P. B. Goodsell A. B., English and Classics; Mons. S. A. Buteau M. D., French, Spanish, Italian; Geo. W. Davis, Penmanship; Geo. W. Harris, Painting and Drawing; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Teacher Female Department; Ella Fletcher, Ornamental branches; Helen R. Joy, Music.

1854 Claudius B. Smith, A. M., Principal; C. H. Carpenter, English and Classics; Mons. S. A. Buteau M. D., French, Spanish and Italian; Geo. O. Atkinson, Penmanship; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Teacher Female Department; Mrs. H. A. Buteau, Ornamental; Helen R. Joy, Music.

1855 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; W. S. Joy A. B., English and Classics; O. C. Howard and C. H. Richardson, Ass'ts; Mons. J. R. Lamoureux, French; M. D. L. Haynes, Penmanship; R. M. Ayers M. D., Physiology; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Teacher Female Department; Carrie L. Bridgeman, Ornamental; Helen R. Joy, Music.  
Teachers Winter, Spring and Summer; S. A. Buteau M. D., French; Mrs. H. A. Buteau, Ornamental.

1856 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; W. S. Joy A. B., English and Classics; C. H. Richardson, Ass't; Winter and Spring term; Mons. J. R. Lamoureux, French; B. P. Colton, Penmanship; J. Lovell M. D., Physiology; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Teacher Female Department; Carrie L. Bridgeman, Ornamental; Helen R. Joy, Music.

1857 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; Wm. H. Rugg, Ass't.; Edwin Kemp, Ass't. spring term; Mon. J. R. Lamoureux, French, winter and spring term; B. F. Emerson, Penmanship; J. Lovell M. D., Physiology; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Preceptress; Jennie M. Waller, Ornamental; Mary F. Blandin, Music; Helen R. Joy, Music, winter, spring and summer terms.

1858 Claudius B. Smith A. M., Principal; Wm. H. Rugg,

- Ass't.; A. E.<sup>\*</sup> Stebbins, Penmanship; Mrs. M. R. Smith, Preceptress; Miss Jennie M. Waller, Ornamental; Mary F. Blandin, Music; B. F. Emerson, Penmanship, winter and spring terms.
- 1859 George Erastus Lane A. B., Principal; Henry F. Dutton, Ass't.; Sarah D. Freeman, Preceptress; Mary E. Blandin, Music; Sarah A. Hibbard, Primary; Squire Edward Howard, Penmanship.
- 1860 George E. Lane A. B., Principal; Henry F. Dutton, Ass't.; Susan A. Collins, Preceptress; Ann D. Lane, Music, Drawing, Painting; Adelbert E. Gray, Vocal Music; Squire Edward Howard, Penmanship; Mary Blandin, Music, winter, spring and summer; Enos Gould, Ass't. spring term.
- 1861 George E. Lane, Principal; Fannie M. Webster, Preceptress; Mary E. Blandin, Music; Charles H. Holland, Drawing and Painting; Squire Edward Howard, Penmanship.
- \*1862 Horace Burchard A. M., Principal.
- 1863 Horace Burchard A. M., Principal; Wm. H. Rugg A. B., Math. and Natural Sciences; Gertie G. Lynde, Music and Penmanship.
- \*1864 Horace Burchard A. M., Principal Fall term; Wm. H. Rugg A. B., Principal Spring term.
- 1865 Edward Judson A. B., Principal, Ancient and Modern Languages; Austin V. Tilton A. B., Math. Natural Science, Penmanship; Harriet M. Willmarth, Music.
- 1866 Edward Judson A. B., Principal, Ancient and Modern Languages; Wm. G. Walker A. B., Math. Natural Science, spring term; David A. Curtis, Math. and Natural Science; E. L. Shattuck, Penmanship; Julia Batchelder, Math. and English; Anna A. Kenny, Vocal and Instrumental Music and Harmony.
- 1867 Daniel Cole A. B., Principal, Ancient and Modern Languages; James W. Ford, Math. and Natural Science; Wm. G. Walker A. B., English Branches, spring term; George W. Holton, Penmanship; L. Jennie Reynolds, Music.

\*Impossible to find any record of the other instructors for this year.

- 1868 Daniel Cole A. B., Principal, fall term; Chas. L. Clay A. B., Principal winter and spring term; Mary E. Cilley, Preceptress; Helen M. Smith, Music. Adah S. Peaslee, Ornamental.
- 1869 Edgar W. Stoddard A. B., Principal, Ancient and Modern Languages; Ellen A. Brimhall, English Branches; E. L. Shattuck, Penmanship.
- 1870 Milon Davidson A. B., Principal (beginning winter term); Mrs. Gratia E. Davidson, Preceptress; Miss Emma Olmstead, French and Mathematics; Miss Fredrika Evans, Music; Mr. E. L. Shattuck, Penmanship.
- 1871 Milon Davidson A. B., Principal; Mrs. Gratia E. Davidson, Preceptress; Miss Emma Olmstead, French and Math.; Miss N. M. Jacques, Music and Ornamental Branches; Miss Orra Merrifield, Gymnastics.
- 1872 Milon Davidson A. B., Principal; Mrs. Gratia E. Davidson, Preceptress; Miss Emma Olmstead, French and Mathematics; Mrs. N. M. Jacques, Music and other Ornamental Branches; Miss Emma Ingalls, Gymnastics; Jonas Allen, Penmanship.
- 1873 Milon Davidson A. B., Principal; Mrs. Gratia E. Davidson, Preceptress; Miss Emma Olmstead, French and Mathematics; Mrs. James Stoddard, Music; Miss Sarah Holden, Ornamental Branches.
- 1874 Milon Davidson A. B., Principal; Mrs. Gratia Davidson, Preceptress, (through spring term of 1874); Miss Emma Olmstead, French and Mathematics; Mrs. James Stoddard, Music; Miss Emma Holmes, Ornamental Branches; Geo. A. Downs, Phonography; Jonas Allen, Penmanship; H. C. Robbins, Principal fall term 1874, through spring term 1875.
- \*1875 Rev. F. W. Olmstead, Principal Fall term.
- 1876 C. C. Boynton, Principal, Ancient Language and Natural Science; Mrs. C. C. Boynton, Preceptress, French and Math.; Miss Frances E. York, English; Mrs. F. E. Stoddard, Music; May E. Bliss, Gymnastics.
- 1877 C. C. Boynton, Principal, Ancient Languages and Na-

\*Impossible to locate other records for this year.



tural Science; Mrs. C. C. Boynton, Preceptress, Eng. Lit. French, Math.; Mrs. H. B. Kenyon, Higher English, Theory and Practice of Teaching; Mr. Adorno A. Whitman, Ass't. Eng.; Hattie A. Brown, Ass't. Preparatory class; Mrs. E. C. Noble, Elocution, spring term; Miss Annie Bliss, fall term; Mrs. M. B. Colburn, Music.

1877 C. C. Boynton, Principal; Mrs. C. C. Boynton, Mrs. H. B. Kenyon, Miss Etta F. Morse, ass't's; Mrs. F. E. Stoddard, Music.

1879 C. C. Boynton, Principal; Mrs. E. A. Kenyon, Preceptress; Miss Clara Randall, Asst.; Miss Etta F. Morse, Ass't.; Mrs. F. E. Stoddard, Music.

1880 C. C. Boynton, Principal; Mrs. H. B. Kenyon; Helen J. Preston; Alice M. Churchill; Alice A. Brown, Elocution.

1881 C. C. Boynton, Principal; Olive S. Prentiss, Etta F. Morse, Alice M. Churchill; Alice A. Brown, Elocution, (fall term); Miss S. V. Converse, Elocution, (spring term); Alice M. Churchill, Music.

Other instructors employed 1877-1881, Miss Annie E. Bliss, Mrs. Mary B. Colburn, Mr. M. B. Manley, A. B.; Asst. Pupils: Etta F. Morse, Jessie M. Corse, Gene P. Perry, Hattie A. Brown, Gertie S. Eddy.

1882 C. C. Boynton, Principal; Miss O. S. Prentiss, Miss E. F. Morse, Miss S. V. Converse, Elocution (fall term); Miss Bidwell, Elocution, (spring term); Messrs. Bryant and Lake, Music.

1883 C. C. Boynton, Principal (through spring term). Miss O. S. Prentiss, Miss E. F. Morse.

~~1883~~ school fall and winter of 1883-1884, because of inability to secure a principal in place of Mr. Boynton.

1884 Frank V. Spaulding A. B., Principal, (beginning Spring 1884); Miss Hattie E. Colburn, Ass't; Mrs. James Stoddard, Music.

1885 Frank V. Spaulding, Principal (through Fall term); Harland P. Davidson A. B., Principal winter 1885-86 and spring term, 1886. Miss Morse (of Charlestown, Mass.), Ass't.

- 1886 Horatio B. Lawrence, Principal; Mrs. H. B. Lawrence, Preceptress; Miss Nellie A. Twitchell, Music.
- 1887 Horatio B. Lawrence, Principal; Mrs. H. B. Lawrence, Preceptress; Miss Nellie A. Twitchell, Music.
- 1888 Horatio B. Lawrence, Principal (through spring term 1889); Mrs. H. B. Lawrence, Preceptress; Miss Nellie A. Twitchell, Music.
- Reorganization took place 1889. From then on all Principals and Instructors served for an academic year of Fall, Winter and Spring terms.
- 1889-90 David G. Smyth A. B., Principal; Mrs. David G. Smyth, Preceptress; Mrs. Ellen M. Plumb, Ass't. (spring term); Lotie M. Winslow, Ass't. (winter term).
- 1890-91 David G. Smyth A. B., Principal; Mrs. David G. Smyth, Preceptress; Mrs. Ellen M. Plumb, Ass't.; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mrs. James W. Stoddard, Music.
- 1891-92 Aubrey B. Call A. M., Principal; Mrs. A. B. Call, Ass't.; Miss Myrtie G. Kinney, Preceptress (left winter term); F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; J. L. Howard, Penmanship.
- 1892-93 Aubrey B. Call A. M., Principal; Mrs. A. B. Call, Ass't. and Music; J. L. Howard, Penmanship.
- 1893-94 Aubrey B. Call A. M., Principal; Mrs. A. B. Call, Preceptress and Music; Fred U. Landman, Ass't.; F. L. Osgood, M. D., Physiology.
- 1894-95 Aubrey B. Call A. M., Principal; Mrs. A. B. Call, Preceptress and Music; Grace B. Tuthill, Ass't. (first six weeks); Mrs. Sarah W. Ham, Ass't.; F. L. Osgood, M. D., Physiology.
- 1895-96 Leverett Vasmer Symonds A. B., Principal; Mrs. L. V. Symonds, Preceptress; Emily M. Colburn A. B., Language and Math; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mabel Stoddard, Music.
- 1896-97 Leverett Vasmer Symonds A. B., Principal; Mrs. L. V. Symonds; Preceptress; Emily M. Colburn A. B., Language and Math.; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mabel Stoddard, Music; D. Clinton Gardner, Elocution.
- 1897-98 Eli Edgecomb A. M., Principal; Mrs. Eli Edgecomb,

- Preceptress and Ass't.; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mabel Martin, Music; D. Clinton Gardner, Elocution.
- 1898-99 Eli Edgecomb A. M., Principal; Mrs. Eli Edgecomb, Preceptress and 1st Ass't.; Ida M. Abbott, 2nd Ass't.; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mabel Martin, Music; Emma Alberta Moore, Elocution.
- 1899-00 Eli Edgecomb A. M., Principal; Mrs. Eli Edgecomb, Preceptress and 1st Ass't.; Ida M. Abbott, 2nd Ass't.; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Lena D. Harris, Elocution.
- 1900-01 Eli Edgecomb A. M., Principal; Mrs. Eli Edgecomb, Preceptress and 1st Ass't., and Elocution; Carrie M. Dexter, 2nd Ass't.; F. L. Osgood M. D. Physiology; Mabel Martin, Music.
- 1901-02 Eli Edgecomb A. M., Principal; Mrs. Eli Edgecomb, Preceptress and 1st Ass't.; Mr. Ray O. Hughes, Carrie M. Dexter, Mrs. Aubrey Call, Ass'ts. (one succeeding the other) Emma Alberta Moore, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mabel Martin, Music.
- 1902-03 William A. Harthorne A. B., Principal; Merle E. Sellew, B. S. Sub-Master; Pearl M. Pettingell, Ph. B., Language and Science; Mrs. Mary F. Sellew, Eloc. and Physical Culture; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Rev. E. A. Royal, Biblical Lit.; Lou E. Cressy, Music.
- 1903-04 Wm. A. Harthorne A. B., Principal; Edna E. K. Linsley, Hist. and Sci.; Alice M. Smith A. B., Language and Hist.; Lettie A. Greenleaf, Elocution and Vocal Music; Lou E. Cressy, Instru. Music; Hannah Gove, Violin; F. L. Osgood, M. D., Physiology; Alice M. Lane, Martha B. Hopkins, Hist. and Lang. (each 1 term).
- 1904-05 Perry B. Perkins A. M., Principal; Linneon E. Smith A. B., Hist. and Sci.; Martha G. Lane A. B. Ass't.; Lulu E. Cressy, Music; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mrs. Perry B. Perkins, Preceptress; Miss Page, Elocution.
- 1905-06 Harris W. Lewis A. B., Principal; M. Grace Lane, A. B. Ass't.; Mary L. Plumb B. S., Ass't.; Lulu E. Cressy, Instrumental Music; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Miss Jean Sharp, Elocution; Mrs. Brasor, Vocal Music.

- 1906-07 Harris W. Lewis A. B., Principal; Ina C. H. Lewis, 1st Ass't.; Mary L. Plumb B. S., 2nd Ass't.; Lulu E. Cressy, Music; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Miss Wright, Elocution; Mrs. Brasor, Vocal Music.
- 1907-08 Harris W. Lewis A. B., Principal; Edith M. Knight, Ass't.; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., Ass't.; Harriet M. Holden, Music; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Miss Bernice E. Wright, Elocution.
- 1908-09 Frederick W. Wallace A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., Ass't.; Winnie M. Packard, 2nd Asst.; F. L. Osgood, M. D., Physiology; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution.
- 1909-10 Frederick W. Wallace A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., 1st Asst't.; Winnie M. Packard, 2nd Ass't.; Ethel Bristol, Music; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood, M. D., Physiology.
- 1910-11 Roy W. Jocelyn A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, 1st Ass't.; Abigail C. Lazelle Ph. B. (succeeded by Sophy Phillips, A. B.), 2nd Ass't.; Helen E. Prentiss, Commercial Branches; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; Homer J. Heath, Music.
- 1911-12 Guy W. Powers B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., 1st Ass't.; Sadie Hewitt A. B., Ass't.; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology.
- 1912-13 Guy W. Powers B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., 1st Ass't.; Sadie Hewitt A. B., 2nd Ass't.; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Jessie E. Hawley, Piano; Mary J. Bane, Voice Culture; Homer J. Heath, Instrumental Music.
- 1913-14 Guy W. Powers B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., 1st Ass't.; Harriet M. Stadtfeld A. B., Ass't.; Rosalie Ogle, Teachers Training; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Jessie E. Hawley, Piano; Mary J. Bane, Voice Culture; Homer J. Heath, Instrumental Music.
- 1914-15 Guy W. Powers B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., 1st Ass't.; Ruth A. McKenney, B. A., 2nd Ass't.; Mary Dugan B. Pd., Teachers Training; Mrs. Henrietta Clark

- Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Jessie E. Hawley, Piano; Mary J. Bane, Instrumental and Voice.
- 1915-16 Guy W. Powers B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., 1st Ass't.; Ruth A. McKenney B. A., Ass't.; Marion B. Graves, Teachers Training; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Jessie E. Hawley, Piano; Mary J. Bane, Voice Culture.
- 1916-17 Earle H. Blanchard A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., 1st Ass't.; Lenora Healey, 2nd Ass't.; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution; F. L. Osgood M. D., Physiology; Mary Kelsey, Music; Marion B. Graves, Teacher Training.
- 1917-18 Earl H. Blanchard A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., First Ass't.; Lenora Healy, Ass't.; Mary L. Kelsey, Music; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution.
- 1918-19 Earl H. Blanchard A. B., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., First Assistant; Lenora Healy, Ass't.; Mary L. Kelsey, Music; Mrs. Henrietta Clark Bemis, Elocution.
- 1919-20 Stephen O. Salmon B. S. A. Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., Assistant; Vera Perkins B. S.; Gertrude Frances Philbrick B. A.; Mrs. Anna Pratt.
- 1920-21 Stewart Clark M. A., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., Assistant; Vera A. Perkins, B. S.; Alfred Bashman; Miss Sarah Palmer, Teacher Training Class; Mrs. Louise Boyden, B. A.
- 1921-22 Jasper Wright B. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, Assistant; Lillian Deans B. A.; Angeline Simpson B. A.; Miss Louise Boyden, B. A.
- 1922-23 Harold S. Card B. A., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., Assistant; Lillian Deans B. A.; Angeline Simpson B. A.; Miss Miner, Elocution.
- 1923-24 Earl J. Owen M. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb, B. S., Assistant; Marguerite Ackley; Florence L. Yates B. A.; Louise Boyden B. A.; Miss Miner, Elocution.
- 1924-25 Earl J. Owen M. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S., Assistant; Marguerite Ackley; Florence L. Yates B. A.; Mary Houghton, Elocution; Louise Boyden B. A.
- 1925-26 Earl J. Owen M. S., Principal; Mary L. Plumb B. S.,

Assistant; Hazel M. Eames; Clara Eaton B. A.; Louise Boyden B. A.; Miss Mary Houghton, Elocution.

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It is not certain that there were no catalogues in 1899, 1900 but the alumni association has been unable to locate any of those years for its files.

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‡Catalogue 1926 printed enrollment, 1919-1926.



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